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FIGHT WITH PIRATES AT SEA.

THRILLING STORIES TOLD BY SURVIVORS.

WOUNDED CHINESE ARRIVE BACK AT HONGKONG.

TWO JUNKS VICTIMISED.

Two thrilling stories of the depredations of pirates in the South China waters come to hand to-day by the return here of the crews of two junks, among them being several wounded men who had to be taken to hospital.

In one case, a fishing junk was attacked at sea by a pirate craft and, in order to effect a boarding on their victims' boat, the marauders threw "bombs" (thought to be sticks of dynamite) on board. The fishermen put up a fight, but were wounded and overpowered and later saw the pirates sail away with stolen booty, including three cannon.

In the other case, a junk was twice pirated, being visited by two different gangs of pirates, one of whom stole, among other things, the junk's oars. When the weather became worse later, the junk crew had to cut away the mast, and were drifting out to the open sea when picked up by the s.s. Solviken, which brought them back to Hongkong.

RESCUE BY THE S.S. SOLVIKEN.

An amazing story of being return to Hoi Mun, but still more twice pirated on a voyage from misfortune was in store for them. Chinese territory, afterwards being forced to abandon their junk which was drifting out to open sea in rough weather, and eventually being picked up by the s.s. Solviken which took them to Saigon and returned them to Hongkong on her arrival yesterday evening, has been brought back by the survivors.

The master of the junk, Lam On, states that his boat is a Hoklo fishing junk, unnumbered, of 50 piculs capacity, and carried a crew of four including himself. They left Hoi Mun, Chiu Yung district at two o'clock on the afternoon of October 5, bound for Hongkong. At the time four men were being carried as passengers.

They arrived at a place called Kit Shek Bay at noon on October 8. They remained there all night and at three o'clock on the afternoon of the following day, when everybody on board was asleep in the hold, with the exception of the master who was smoking on deck, a small Hoklo boat came alongside, and five men came on board. One of these men carried a revolver and a knife, and threatened the master if he did not keep quiet. The other men carried revolvers.

They then drove the master into the hold with the others who were sleeping there, and two of the pirates followed him into the hold and searched the passengers. They stole about \$200 in Chinese silver money and \$5 in Chinese money from the master.

They remained on board for about half an hour, after which they went ashore at Kit Shek.

Second Raid.

When they were free once more the occupants of the boat decided to continue on their voyage to Hongkong and all went well until the afternoon of October 12 when the boat was off Ping Hoi. A sampan was seen to be about 40 yards away, and shouting to the junk to stop, the men in the sampan opened fire with rifles. The junk was stopped and the sampan came alongside. Four men boarded the junk, one being armed with a revolver and a dagger, two others carrying revolvers only and the fourth being unarmed. On coming on board, the man with the dagger stabbed one of the foks in the arm, apparently for no particular reason.

These men went through much the same procedure as the previous gang, driving the occupants into the hold. As these people had already been robbed, the pirates confined their attention to obtaining possession of fishing nets, 30 fathoms of one inch hemp rope, and ten pieces of clothing, to the total value of \$105.

These men then returned on board their sampan and sailed towards Ping Hoi.

After this second attack it was decided to alter their course to

BRAVE CAPTAIN.

WAVES FAREWELL ON THE BRIDGE.

HORRORS OF THE MAFALDA.

Bahia, Oct. 27. Thirty-two members of the crew of the s.s. Principessa Mafalda have been brought in here by the French steamer Mosella.

They express the belief that the commander, Captain Guli, went down with his ship.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Scenes of Horror.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 27. Most of the survivors of the Mafalda are still at sea, and details of the disaster are still obscure.

The crew of the rescuing ship Mosella describe the grim struggles of the shipwrecked people in the shark-infested waters. At least one swimmer was devoured.

The electric light failed immediately after the explosion. The groans of the injured and dying were terrible to hear, while the wails of the women, who were praying aloud to the Madonna, and were clutching babies to their breasts, filled the darkness with clamour. The panic stricken jumped overboard.

Stuck to Their Posts.

The survivors and the crew of the Mosella, loudly praise Captain Guli, the Mafalda's commander, and the wireless operator, who stuck to their posts to the last and are believed to have been drowned. Captain Guli was standing on the bridge as the vessel heeled right over, waving farewell.

One of the rescue ships tied alongside the Mafalda, but the slope on the doomed vessel became too pronounced, and the hawsers were hurriedly parted, lest the sinking ship should drag the other under as well.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Ship Fully Insured.

London, Oct. 27. Doubt still exists as to actual number missing in the Italian liner Principessa Mafalda disaster. Latest estimates vary between thirty-four and eighty-four but authentic information is unlikely to be available before the ships carrying survivors reach port and the names of the saved are checked with the records. It is expected that all these ships will report either at Rio or Bahia during to-day.

The cause of the disaster still seems uncertain. The Principessa Mafalda is stated to have been insured for the value of about \$21,000 on the London marine insurance market, the risk coming on the assurance of the Italian underwriters. In addition insurance on cargo was also placed in London for a considerable amount. There are also policies covering the shipowners' liability which includes statutory liability for loss of life at sea.—*British Wireless.*

Further Details of Rescue.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 27. "Keep cheerful we are coming" by wireless from the Blue Star steamer Empire Star was among the replies the Principessa Mafalda received to her S. O. S. sent out as the passengers were merry making at supper time in the prospect of soon landing.

Dancing and laughter were turned into tears when the ship stopped and the captain ordered all to report stations. The crew laughed and joked to the accompaniment of the sobbing of the women and children. The orchestra struck up the Italian national anthem and many minutes elapsed before the French steamer Forreux, the Dutch steamer Athena (not the German Athena) were coming fully equipped toward the Mafalda.

Then came the Empire Star message. The rescue ships had scarcely arrived when the explosion occurred in the boiler room and the Mafalda began to sink.

The sea was calm and the sky clear and only the darkness impeded the work of rescue.

Experts in London state that the insurance on the Mafalda is about \$20,000, a large proportion of which will fall on the London market owing to re-insurances.—*Reuter.*

MISS ELDER SEEING EUROPE.

LEAVES SPAIN FOR FRANCE.

Madrid, Oct. 27. The trans-Atlantic liner, Miss Ruth Elder, arrived here by air from Lisbon, and has departed for Paris.—*Reuter.*

Yesterday, five of the crew were immediately sent to the Government Civil Hospital, two suffering from burns as a result of the explosion of the bombs, and three suffering from bullet wounds.

THE "TOTE" FOR HOME COURSES.

JOCKEY CLUB APPROVES SYSTEM.

TO CHARGE BOOKIES.

London, Oct. 27. The Jockey Club has approved of the totalisator.

The recommendations which have been adopted by the Jockey Club committee, after the evidence of stewards and officials from India, New Zealand, and South Africa, provide for an alteration of the existing law to permit the totalisator or pari mutual being installed on approved race courses, controlled by the Jockey Club or the National Hunt Committee.

The *Evening Standard* understands that a Bill legalising the totalisator is ready, and is assured of strong support; but in view of the strong opposition anticipated from bookmakers, there is likely to be a race against time if it is to

COMMUNISTS V. FASCISTI.

Shanghai "Declaration of War."

Shanghai, Oct. 28.

The police are watching the activities of Russian, Chinese and Indian Communists, who are threatening to annihilate the Fascisti, tantamount to a declaration of war, on the eve of the Pan-Asiatic Conference in Shanghai.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

be passed before the Budget. Mr. Churchill is keenly interested in the subject.

The Jockey Club has also decided to charge bookmakers at the race courses fees on a graduated scale.—*Reuter.*

Strenuous Opposition Likely.

London, Oct. 27. An important decision was reached to-day by Jockey Club. The Club has approved the recommendations of a special committee which was appointed to inquire as to how betting might best be made to contribute to the maintenance of the sport.

These recommendations were, firstly, that an alteration in the law should be obtained to permit the totalisator or pari mutual being installed on race courses, and secondly that bookmakers should be charged fees on a graduated scale.

The Jockey Club, in approving the recommendations, resolved, that steps be taken to give effect to them. It is understood that a Bill will be introduced immediately in Parliament with this object. The proposal to establish a totalisator will, of course, meet with strenuous opposition from bookmakers, and the subject promises to be a topic of keen discussion in turf circles.—*British Wireless.*

U.S. TRADE LESS ACTIVE.

CONTINUED FALLING OFF DISCLOSED.

New York, Oct. 27.

The Federal Reserve Board states that industrial trade activity increased less in September than was seasonably usual, and continued to be in smaller volume than a year ago.

The iron and steel output in September was smaller than in any month since 1925, and there were also decreases in the production of non-ferrous metals, motor-cars, and rubber tyres.

The textile, shoe and leather industries continued to be active.

Wholesale commodity prices advanced in September for the fourth consecutive month.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TO-DAY.

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NANKING THRUST.

SEVERAL TOWNS FALL ON YANGTZE.

THE "RED SPEARS" ACTIVE.

Shanghai, Oct. 28.

Further successes for the Nanking forces were recorded yesterday. The 44th Army captured Taihu, the 6th Army captured Wong-Kiang, and the 11th Army captured Chien-Shan.

A considerable part of the 7th and 13th Armies have also arrived at Taihu, where all the Nanking troops are now concentrating, in preparation for an advance on Womgmei.

It is also reported that the defeated Wuhan forces have retreated beyond Kuikiang.

A latter report states that the 19th Army of the Nanking forces has captured Chenteh.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

EARLIER NANKING REVERSE.

Some Heavy Losses.

Peking, Oct. 27. Foreign messages from Nanking state that Chen Chien's 13th Nationalist Army Corps was severely defeated with heavy losses when endeavouring to cut off Liu Hsing's Hankow forces from Tatung.—*Reuter.*

"RED SPEARS" SLOGAN.

Recruiting in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Oct. 28. The "Red Spears" are carrying on a campaign for recruits in Shanghai, their slogan being "Reduce banditry, disarm the soldiery, and punish the corrupt officials."—*Our Own Correspondent.*

CHOCHOW CAPTURED.

After Severe Bombardment.

Peking, Oct. 27. Chochow has again been officially captured. The city, which was captured by a Shansi raiding party early in the campaign had been officially reported captured twice previously, but the besieged troops stubbornly held out against a severe artillery bombardment.

On one occasion the capture of two city gates by the Fengtien forces led to reports of the city's fall but the Shansi garrison held out. It is now claimed that after a severe bombardment the besieged capitulated this morning, the Fengtien troops entering to disarm them. The Ministry of Military Affairs announces that the Fengtien forces from Kalgan have captured Chalkowpu at which city the first shots of the present war were fired.—*Reuter.*

YANGTZE SEIZURES.

Chinese Shipping Suspends.

The resumption of hostilities along the Yangtze River between the Nanking and Hankow forces has caused a flutter of fear in the breasts of local Chinese shipowners running services to Yangtze ports, and the result has been that three of the leading Chinese shipping companies operating vessels in this area have decided to suspend for the time being all service on the Yangtze fearing that the military will commandeer such vessels if allowed within their grasp.

The three companies which have come to this decision are the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, the San Fen Steamship Company, and the Ninghsiao Steamship Company, of which the first named is the largest and one of the largest shipping companies operating on the China coast and inland waters.

With the Nanking Government declaring war upon General Tang Seng-chi at Hankow and the reported advance of Nanking troops in large numbers in the direction of Wuhan, where hostilities are reported to have broken out already, the necessity of having transports becomes evident, and it is knowledge of the conditions existing on the river which has prompted the Chinese shipping companies to adopt the precaution of suspending service on the river whilst the war is in progress and to withdraw all vessels possible from the war zone.

The China Merchant's Company is usually the principal loser when the military commence commandeering and the company has not forgotten the loss of the s.s. Kiang (Continued on Page 12.)

WEST AFRICA MORE HEALTHY.

COMPARISON WITH 20 YEARS AGO.

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS.

London, Oct. 27.

In 1926 only two officials died of yellow fever in the whole of British West Africa. In Sierra Leone, the so-called "white man's grave," out of 246 European officials, only one died during the year, and he did not die of yellow fever. There had been no case of yellow fever among the European officials reported since the first of January this year in the whole of British West Africa.

These striking facts are contained in a report issued by the Colonial Office on the continued improvement in the general standard of health among European Government officials in West Africa. The report states that the average number of European officials employed during 1926 was 3,577. Of these, 31 died, 105 were pensioned, 40 on the ground of ill-health, and 29 were invalided out of the service. The death rate was 8.6 per thousand, compared with 12.1 in 1925.

During the 24 years for which the exact statistics have been kept, the average length of service has steadily risen, till now in the case of officers who have been pensioned on account of ill-health or invalided out of the service it is actually ten years and three months. The comparison with 20 years ago is highly significant. In 1906, out of an average number of 1,553 European officials, 33 died after an average service of 3 years and 10 months, the death rate being 21.2 per thousand, while the invaliding rate was 61.1 per thousand after an average length of service of only 2 years and 4 months.—*British Wireless.*

AN AMERICAN MAKE OF HELICOPTER.

PRELIMINARY TESTS SUCCESSFUL.

New York, Oct. 27.

The Curtiss Aeroplane Company is devoting \$375,000 for the construction of an aeroplane able to rise vertically, of a revolutionary design.

It has undergone wind-tunnel tests, and has demonstrated its ability to rise 1,900 feet per second, having a forward speed of 50 to 70 miles an hour.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ESTHONIAN OFFICIAL ON TRIAL.

FOR GIVING AWAY SECRETS.

Reval, Oct. 27.

The trial has opened of Birk, former Esthonian Minister in Russia, who is charged with disobeying the orders of the Government, and publishing, in the interests of a foreign State, secrets concerning Esthonia.

Members of the Cabinet and the Chief-of-Staff were present, with the Minister to Moscow, as chief witnesses.—*Reuter.*

NOBEL PRIZES FOR PHYSIOLOGY.

TWO AWARDS ANNOUNCED.

Stockholm, Oct. 27.

The Nobel prize for medicine of physiology, for 1928, has been awarded to Professor Johannes Fibiger, of the University of Copenhagen.

The same prize for 1927 has been awarded to Professor Wagner von Jaureg, of the University of Vienna.—*Reuter.*

The case in which three Chinese were charged in connexion with an attempted armed robbery at 185, Laichikok Road, on September 13, when one of the alleged robbers was shot and wounded, and a woman occupant injured, was concluded before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. All three men were committed for trial.

COURT SENSATION.

COUNSEL STRONGLY CRITICISED.

FORGERY CHARGE SEQUEL.

The continuance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, of the case in which Fung Hae-ting, an assistant in the comprador department of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, was charged with forging a \$50,000 cheque drawn on the Yokohama Specie Bank, was marked by a sensational occurrence, which followed on an announcement that the prosecution had decided to withdraw the charge.

Mr. M. K. Lo, appearing for the defendant, was making strong criticism of the method of the prosecution, in "unjustifiably dragging the defendant through the stigma of a criminal court," when in the midst of his address, Counsel for the prosecution (Mr. F. C. Jenkin) picked up his hat and papers and left the Court without remark.

Mr. Lo, in drawing the attention of the Bench to this action of Mr. Jenkin, said that it was "an outrage on the Court and as far as he, Mr. Lo, knew, was entirely without precedent."

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, was instructed by Mr. Macnamara of Messrs. Deacons, to prosecute on behalf of the Yokohama Specie Bank. Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who had previously appeared to watch the case for the Ming Fat Hong, whose cheque was alleged to have been forged, was not present during this morning's proceedings. Detective Sergeant Carey was present as the police officer who executed the warrant of arrest.

Mr. Jenkin: I am offering no evidence against this defendant, your Worship.

Mr. Lindsell: Was not the evidence sworn against him sworn on sufficient grounds?

Mr. Jenkin: I am sure, I don't know.

Mr. Lindsell: Under the circumstances the defendant will be discharged.

Mr. Lo's Address.

Mr. Lo then said that it was due to the defendant that he should be permitted to say a few words, in reply to a charge which for him had been a cruel experience and a severe ordeal. Defendant was some years ago a very trusted servant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for seven years. He had been in business in Hongkong for some time, and one of his most cherished possessions was a photograph taken with the then Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Manager at a tiffin party. He was then looked upon as a trustworthy and trusted man.

In 1933, defendant went to Kobe to fill a vacancy as assistant comprador to Messrs. Fraser and Company who were then agents for the Canadian Pacific Railways and also a banking corporation. In 1933 he transferred to the Asiatic Steamship Company as their Chinese agent.

In 1935, the Kobe office of the Asiatic Steamship Company closed and the ships belonging to this Company were then handled by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Defendant was then employed in the Pacific Mail in the same capacity, until 1915, when the Pacific Mail closed business. On its reopening, a year later, he was again employed in the same position.

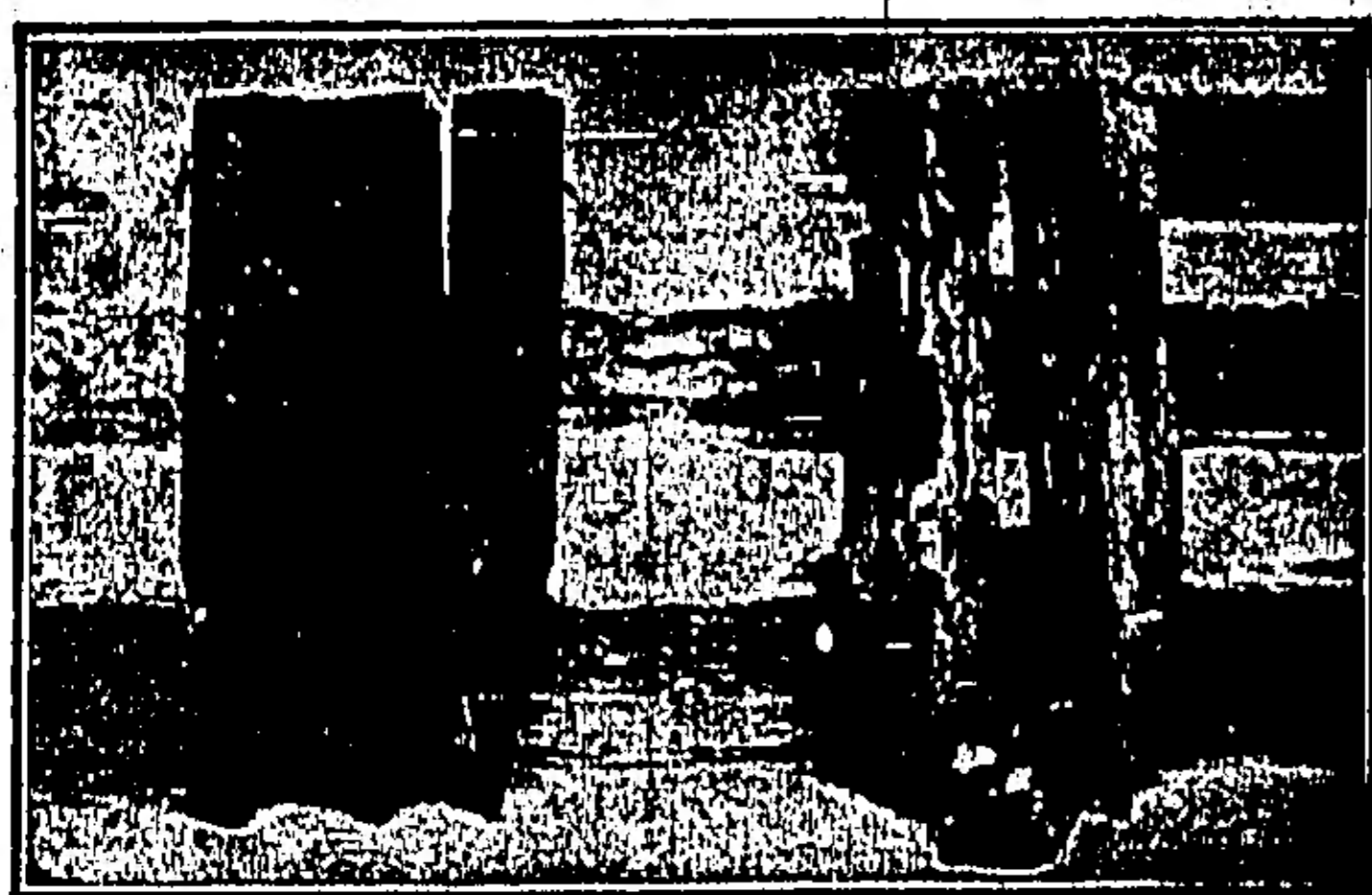
In 1917, he came to Hongkong, being then a man of material age. (He is now over 60). His friends in Hongkong, who knew what a trustworthy man he was, wanted him to take some responsible position which, while meeting with his requirements, did not entail onerous work, and they got him a position as accountant to the Kwong Yue firm, the owner of which was a brother to the partner of the Ming Fat Hong, the complainants in the present case. He was thus employed between the years 1917-1924, at which latter year he went to the Asia Banking Corporation as their head clerk. On this bank's closure, he joined the Netherlands India Commercial Bank.

A Good Record.

His Worship would have seen that defendant's record in responsible positions extended from 1890 to the present time. His Worship would also have seen, continued Mr. Lo, that this case served to illustrate the injustice done to a man by rushing up to the Central (Continued on Page 12.)

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOUR NEW BILLS PASS FIRST READING.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, a resolution moved by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) was passed in silence tendering humble duty and expressing loyal and respectful sympathy with their Majesties the King and Queen and the Royal family in the death of the Marquis of Cambridge, the eldest brother of Her Majesty the Queen.

Four new bills, including an Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen, were introduced by the Attorney General, and were read a first time.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government presided over the meeting and there were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Mr. R. A. C. North, the acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, took the oath and his seat on the Council.

The Late Marquis of Cambridge.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, before proceeding with the business on the Order of the Day, said:

Hon. members will have heard with great regret of the death on the 24th inst. of the Marquis of Cambridge, beloved eldest brother of Her Majesty the Queen. I know that hon. members will desire to give expression to their loyal sympathy with their Majesties the King and Queen and the members of the Royal family in their sorrow. I therefore move the following resolution:

The members of the Legislative Council have heard with profound sorrow the sad announcement of the death of the Marquis of Cambridge and desire to tender their loyal and respectful sympathy with their Majesties the King and Queen and the members of the Royal family in their bereavement.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall: It is with profound sorrow that I respectfully second the resolution.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard: Sir, I beg to support the motion.

The motion was carried in silence.

Incorporation Ordinance.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hongkong of the English Assistance of the Jesuit Order. He said:

The English Assistance of the Jesuit Order propose to build a hostel to be attached to the University to assist in that enterprise. The University have agreed to grant a sub-lease to the Jesuit Order of a portion of the site belonging to the University at Fly Point Battery, and in order to secure the advantage of perpetual succession it is proposed that the Procurator in Hongkong of the English Assistance of the Jesuit Order shall be made a corporation sole, and this Bill is intended to effect that object. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Inscribed Stock Ordinance.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913. He said: This

THE COTTON CROP.

GROWERS TO REAP A HARVEST THIS YEAR.

New York, Oct. 27.

The Secretary for Agriculture, reviewing the cotton crop, said that growers could realise \$200,000,000 more from this year's crop than last. The statement has resulted in the cotton market prices advancing from 50 to 60 points. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Ordinance will amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913, so as to make it possible to discontinue contributions to the Sinking Fund of any loan issued under that Ordinance when the Sinking Fund has become potentially full, that is to say, when it is quite clear that the fund, without any further contributions, will be sufficient to pay off the loan at the proper time. It is obviously unnecessary to go on contributing to a Sinking Fund in these circumstances, and it may sometimes be financially undesirable to do so. In other cases, it may be desirable to continue the contributions in order to pay off the loan at as early a period as possible. Discretion is therefore given to the Governor by this amending Bill to discontinue such contributions with the approval of the Secretary of State. Provision is also made for the resumption of the contributions if that should become necessary. The Bill is recommended and, indeed, is drafted, by the Secretary of State. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Medical Registration Ordinance.

The Attorney-General moved the reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884. He said:

The Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, is open to considerable criticism. Its provisions are by no means clear on certain points, and several matters which ought to be provided for are not provided for. For example, one section gives the Colonial Secretary power to strike a practitioner off the register in certain circumstances. Another section appears to direct that all questions of striking off the register shall be decided by the Medical Board. Again, one section appears to intend that an appeal should always lie to the Governor-in-Council from any decision to strike a practitioner off the register. Another section, which provides for striking off, gives no express power of appeal on that occasion. Again, it is uncertain whether there is power to strike off the register an unqualified person who has attained registration by some fraudulent means unless he is first convicted of that offence, and, of course, a conviction may not be possible because the person in question may have left the Colony. Again, the Medical Board has power under the principal Ordinance to recommend that a practitioner be struck off the register, but has no power of censure. It is obvious that in some cases the striking off would be too severe a measure but that some degree of censure is called for.

This Bill proposes to deal with all these points and certain others. It will have the effect, I think, of clarifying the provisions of the principal Ordinance and filling up the gaps which at present exist. One thing that it makes quite clear is that there will be a power of appeal to the Governor-in-Council from any decision by the Medical Board to strike the practitioner off the register and it lays down the procedure to be followed on such appeal. The Bill also proposes to transfer the Medical Register from the Colonial Secretary to the Principal Civil Medical Officer who appears to be the most suitable official to keep that register. It also proposes to exempt the Professors of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hongkong of the necessity of registration as medi-

FOR GALLANTRY.

A GOLD WATCH AND A MONETARY.

It is understood that the Directors of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have presented to each of the officers of the s.s. Sunning a gold watch inscribed as follows:

"From the Owners in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty. Sunning Piracy, November 16, 1926."

It is also understood that each officer has received a monetary grant.

cal practitioners. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Registration of Watchmen.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen. He said: Ten years ago the Captain Superintendent of Police inaugurated a system of supplying watchmen to private employers. The scheme had very small beginnings; it began with 20 men. The numbers have now increased so that at the present time over 600 watchmen are employed. It is true that some of these are employed as ship's guards. Very soon the employment of ship's guards under the Prevention of Piracy Regulations will cease to be compulsory, and it may be that some of these guards will no longer be employed as such; but there will still be a great number apparently who will be required as guards on shore and there may well be many required also as ship's guards. The growth of the scheme shows that it has fulfilled a need, and that it was found useful by employers of labour. It has grown to such dimensions that it now seems desirable to regulate it by statute.

The present Bill, and the regulations proposed to be made under it, which have also been published, are intended on the whole to modify the existing practice, but there are certain important exceptions to that statement. In the first place when the Bill and regulations become law, the employment of any unregistered person as a watchman will be prohibited. There is one exception again to that statement, namely, that the prohibition will not apply to watchmen of any other race except Chinese. That is the chief point on which the Bill will vary the existing practice. At present, of course, the employment of watchmen supplied by the police, is purely voluntary. Anyone who wishes it can employ a watchman elsewhere and he has not got to see that the watchman is registered with the police. In future he will have to do so.

I may say that watchmen employed as ship's guards will also have to be registered, and it will be an offence to employ any person as a ship's guard unless he is on the Watchman's Register, but the control of the police over ship's guards will be quite different from that over the other watchmen. Speaking generally, once a ship's guard is employed, he will be entirely under the control of the shipowner who employs him and the police will have no control over his actions on board the ship after he is employed. That, of course, is one of the main objections to the present piracy regulations.

There are certain other restrictions the Ordinance proposes to impose. One is against watchmen acting as moneylenders. Another is against watchmen undertaking duties from two employers. Obviously, that is undesirable, because the result very often is that neither set of duties is properly performed. It is hoped that as the Ordinance and regulations endeavour to keep the existing practice, that the scheme which has worked so successfully hitherto will be equally successful, and more so, when it is regulated by

ISLAND MASSACRE.

MURDER OF GOVERNMENT PARTY EXPLAINED.

Sava, Oct. 27.

Particulars of the massacre on Malaita Island, show that the District Commissioner, Mr. Bell, accompanied by a cadet officer Mr. Lille and a number of constables was collecting the native tax at Sinarango, which is five shillings per head annually for males between the ages of sixteen and sixty.

Mr. Bell was suddenly struck on the head with the barrel of an old Snyder rifle and killed outright whereupon from two to three hundred natives armed with axes, knives and bows and arrows attacked the Government party who were overwhelmed, despite the gallant defence made by the wounded constables who escaped.

They state that Mr. Bell had been previously warned that he and his party would be killed when they arrived at Sinarango to collect the tax. It is believed that three of their assailants were killed. Several of the wounded, were carried off.

Government forces have arrived at Sinarango where a base has been established, and a seven hours journey has been made into the interior. Heavy rains impede progress in the mountainous, dense bush.

Reuter.

Ordinance. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Liquors Consolidation Ordinance.

During the Committee stage on the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, the Attorney-General moved an amendment to clause 6. He explained that in its original form the section placed the onus on the defence, but placed no obligation on the prosecution to produce any evidence at all that the duty had not been paid or that the defendant had no reason to believe it had been paid. This was considered by some persons to be too severe and drastic, and the present proposal was that whilst the onus would still remain on the defendant to prove the duty had been paid or that he had reason to believe it had been paid, there would also be an obligation on the part of the prosecution to produce before the Court as part of their case any evidence the Crown may have tending to show that the duty had not been paid. If so happened that through inadvertence or through some reasonable mistake the prosecution did not call that evidence as part of their case, the onus would still be on the defendant, and when he had called evidence, the prosecution would still be able to call, in reply, any evidence they may have, provided that if in calling that new evidence, which might have been called in chief, it appeared to the Court as such as to justify the giving of a further opportunity to the defendant to give evidence, that he would be allowed to call further evidence in reply. It was a very unusual and rather complicated procedure, but it was the result of the discussions which had taken place under this section, and he thought on the whole it would probably work quite well.

The amendment was adopted and later the Bill passed its third reading and became law.

Chinese Extradition Ordinance.

The Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1889, passed all its remaining stages and became law.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next.



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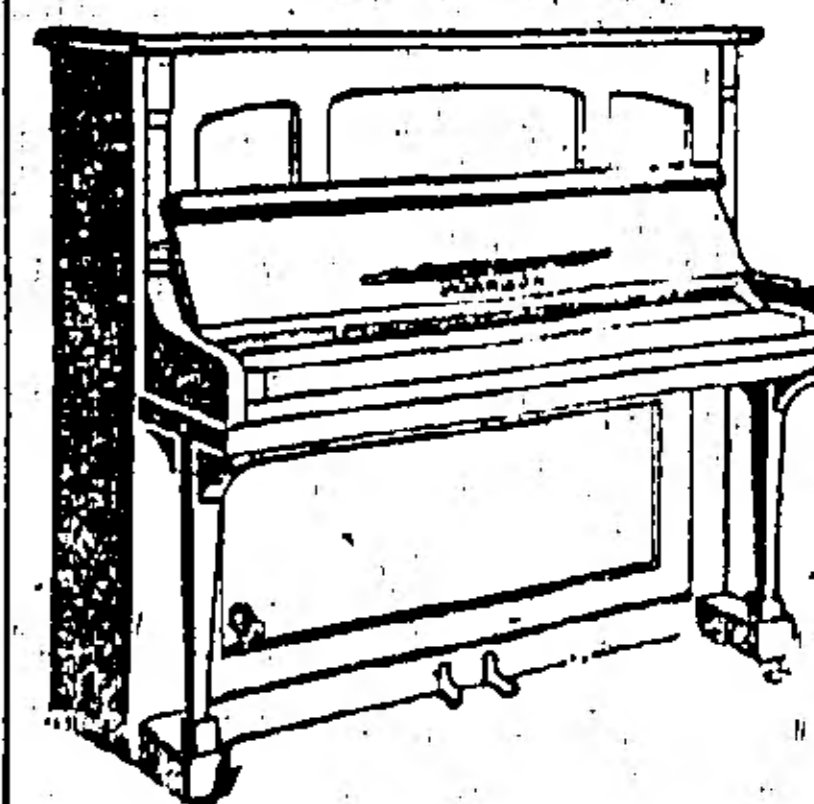
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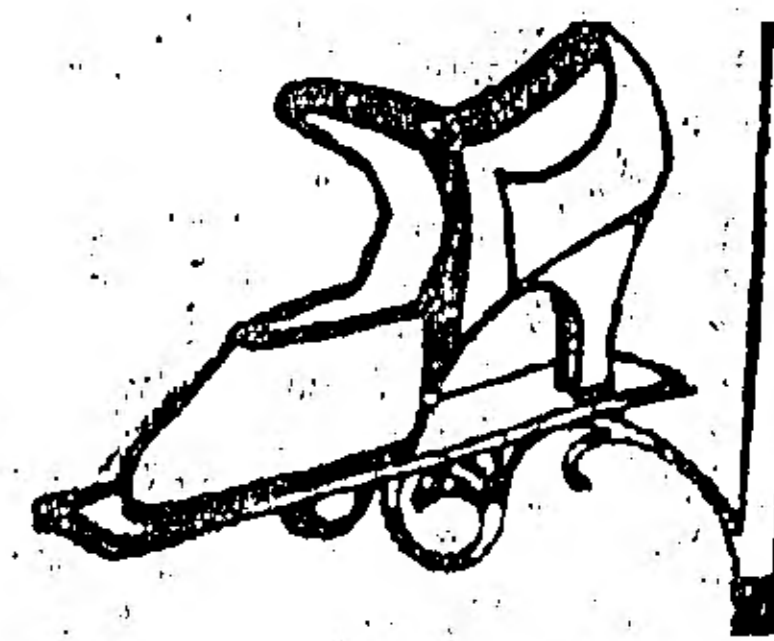
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HOME BY SEA.—Charles A. Levine (on right) first trans-Atlantic air passenger, at odds with Maurice Drouhin, French ace, engaged Captain Walter R. C. Hinchcliffe (left) British pilot, to fly him back to the United States in Levine's monoplane "Columbia." But they decided later to fly to the East, crashed in Italy, and Levine returned to America on board a ship.



LEAGUE HEAD.—Efforts to bring before the League of Nations questions concerning the U. S. and its southern neighbours have been forecast at Geneva. Here is a new photo of the League's new president, Senor Alberto Guani of Uruguay.



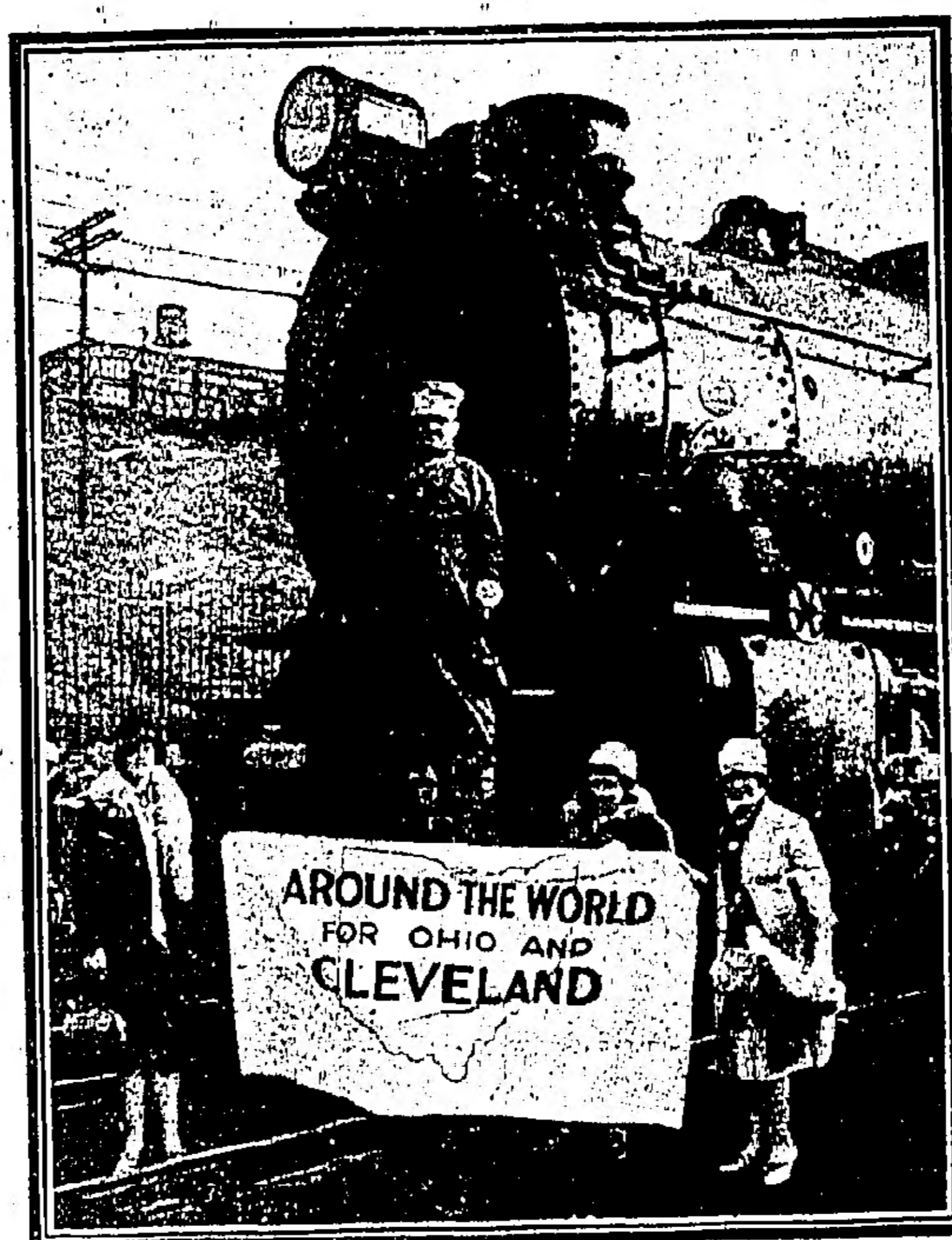
WILL THEY SUCCEED?—Undeterred by the fate of their fellow aces, Nungesser and Coli, Leon Given (left) and Pierre Corbu, French airmen, desire to hop off from Paris for New York. In view of the unfavourable weather conditions at this time of the year, however, their flight has had to be postponed indefinitely.



POLO TROPHY.—Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock presenting to the triumphant American International Polo Team at the Meadow Brook Field, Long Island, the Westchester Cup, retained for America by their decisive defeat of the British Army-in-India four. And then, with the vanquished Britishers, they drank from it the fruits of victory. Receiving the trophy is Devereux Milburn, veteran captain; behind him, J. Watson Webb; then Malcolm Stevenson, and, nearest Mrs. Hitchcock, her son, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., star of the matches.



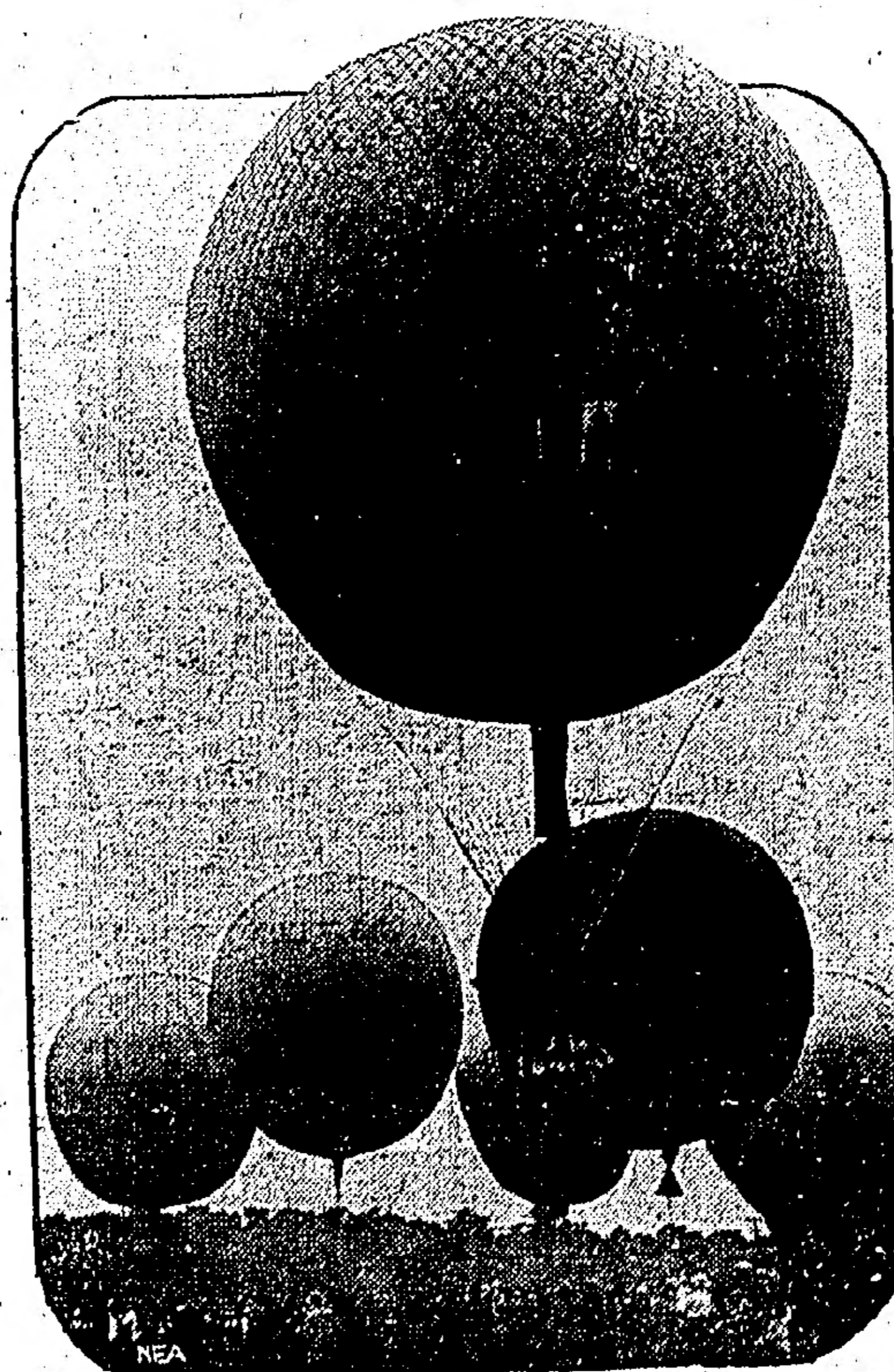
BACK AGAIN.—Vice-president Charles G. Dawes, on the deck of the Leviathan, went with the other Paris-bound Legionnaires. "Hell an' Maria" wore a General's stars during the World War.



THEY EARNED A TRIP ROUND THE WORLD.—These Cleveland girls passed through recently, on a free trip round the world which their State gave them as a competition prize.



BRITISH POLO TEAM.—Here are the crack malleters of the British Army-in-India polo team who tried unsuccessfully to lift the challenge cup from the Americans in the international matches at Westbury, Long Island: (1) Captain C. T. I. Roark; (2) Captain Claude C. Pert; (3) Major Austin H. Williams; (4) Major Eric G. Atkinson.



GORDON BENNETT RACE.—The start of the international balloon race at Detroit for the James Gordon Bennett trophy is pictured above. In the foreground is the Dux, Italy's entry. The race eventually went to an American balloon.

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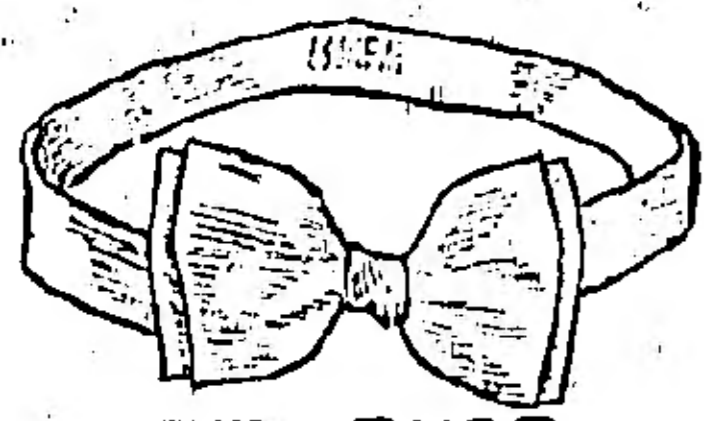


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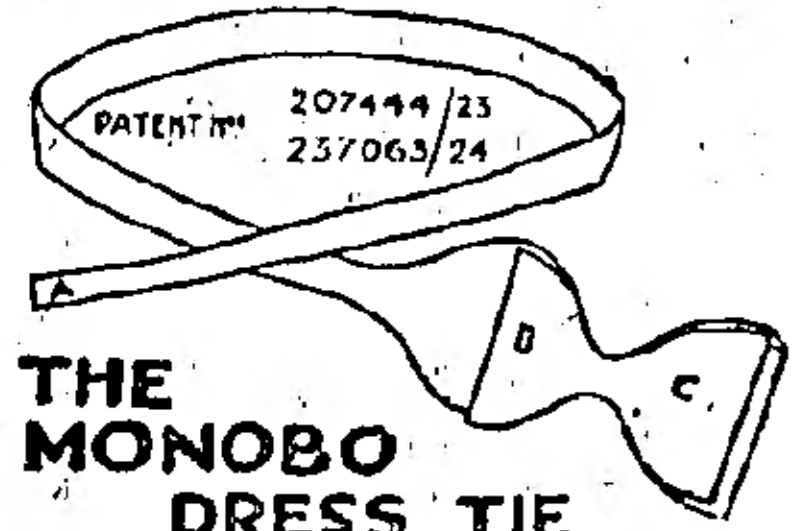
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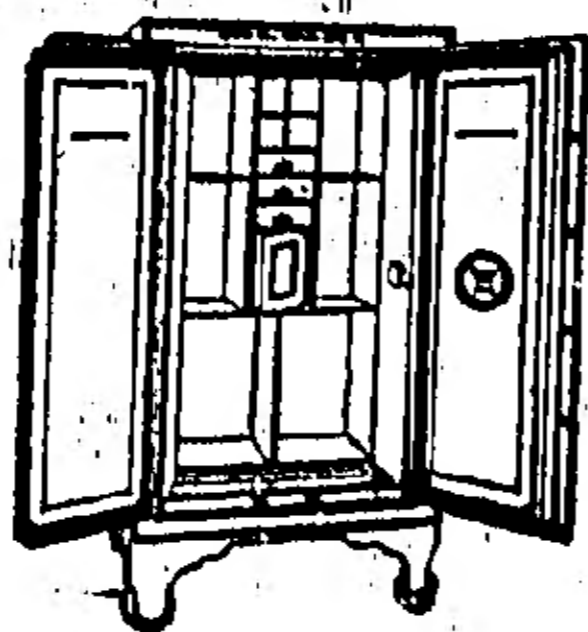
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THE SOUTH AFRICAN SETTLEMENT.

There should be much rejoicing in the Union of South Africa at the settlement of the flag controversy, and this feeling of satisfaction will be echoed all over the Empire. A few months ago there threatened to be a serious rupture in the South African colony over the agitation for a national flag, from which the extremists desired to see the Union Jack entirely eliminated. The tension became great, for the British settlers naturally refused to agree to a national banner which did not include the old flag of glorious traditions. It is possible there would have been serious incidents in case the originally suggested emblem had been adopted, for where the Dutch element was less in evidence, the population would probably—as they threatened—have substituted the Union Jack by force, against any legally constituted South African banner. Demonstrations on a big scale were also planned. Fortunately none of these outcomes are likely to materialise. The whole trouble, apparently, was a failure to appreciate the line followed in other colonies where there have been conflicting national interests. It is surely no more impossible, or difficult, for Dutch and British to live in amicable partnership in South Africa, than it is for the descendants of the English settlers and the French element to co-operate as they do in Canada. It is merely a matter of sinking differences, and forgetting old antagonisms. Even if language barriers are difficult to overcome, the realisation of the fact that both races are nationally sons of the same land, should help considerably. No doubt the friction will be less as one generation succeeds another, and in time South Africans should be able to get along together as well as do different stocks who compose the citizens of the United States of America. The way in which the flag controversy has been settled, and the obstacles to an understanding surmounted, already hold out hopes of much easier relations in the future for the people in the Union of South Africa.

In the paving of a path to an amicable agreement on the Flag Bill, one figure stands out prominently—the Nationalist leader, General Hertzog. Formerly a

bitter foe of the British, he later became a kind of stormy petrel, the Afrikaner De Valera, as one might term him. It was thought that his antagonisms would never be sunk, as were those of General Smuts, an old enemy and now one of the staunchest friends of the Empire. But General Hertzog has changed to a far more broad-minded view of Imperial relationships. To-day he stands in the forefront of the Empire's leading men, and his influence, exerted for the good, has averted grave misunderstandings among his fellow-countrymen. It is interesting to observe how the change in the Nationalist leader's outlook has come about. Up to the time of the last Imperial Conference he was a suspicious antagonist of the British-inclined statesman, General Smuts. It was said of Hertzog that he was a radical, a secessionist, and at heart a republican. If that were so, he became converted at the conference with fellow representatives of the British territories. It may be that the atmosphere of loyalty which those other delegates from the far-flung Dominions of the Empire showed, and the proof of Britain's sincerity of purpose in her administration of South Africa, altered entirely the somewhat narrow outlook which Hertzog had previously held. He has definitely worked for a better English-Dutch understanding since his return, and the flag settlement marks the crowning achievement of his helpful diplomacy. It is another proof, if one were required, of the incalculable value of Imperial gatherings, where the Empire's sons meet in mutual trust, to uphold a common cause.

Religious Controversy.

There can not be the slightest doubt that the controversy at present raging in England on the subject of religion has, as the Archbishop of Canterbury asserts, given "real offence" to many churchfolk. There are many such who deprecate such outspoken utterances as Bishop Barnes of Birmingham, has indulged in. On the other hand there are many (and they are possibly in the majority) who welcome such frankness of speech because they allege that the Church has largely lost its hold on the people on account of its shrinking from a plain face-to-face issue with the modern truths of science. There are relatively few thinking men and women to-day who deny the biological truth of evolution, and in the religious regard they find it very difficult to reconcile the whole of the teachings of the Church with scientific belief. And Bishop Barnes belongs to that militant section which says that a full acceptance of the current scientific theories does not necessarily mean the rejection of religious truths. The Christian religion renews itself to the wider knowledge of these latter days. On the subject of Sacramental dogmas, he rejects the old-time doctrine that the real presence of Christ attaches to consecrated bread and wine used in Communion, though he believes that the real spiritual presence of Christ can be with worshippers when gathered together in public worship. For ourselves (whatever might be our private opinions on religious matters) we take the line that there will inevitably be a divergence of opinion on such matters so long as there are different sects of the one great Christian religion. The belief in God and in the divine direction of His universe is so widespread and fundamental that there is no danger of its passing, just because scientists prove that man evolved slowly through a millennium of years, or because a Bishop throws out a challenge respecting one of the ordinances of the Established Church of England. For the great majority of people there is no binding reality in many of the minor points of dogma, which they are content to pass over. If, as it is alleged, these acts of dogma are becoming resented and are partly responsible for the falling off of churchgoers then the fearless utterances of Bishop Barnes will bear good fruit. But we are convinced that there is no danger whatever either to the great spiritual idea of God or to the need of man for spiritual exercises.

A private riksha knocked down and injured a Chinese boy, aged four years, outside the Hongkong Hotel this morning, about noon. While the mother of the youngster was attending her child, the riksha made away at full speed, there being no identification possible under the circumstances. The child was hurt in the head, and is also suffering badly from shock.

DAY BY DAY.

WITHOUT A RICH HEART WEALTH IS AN UGLY BEGGAR.—Emerson.

Mr. J. A. Bullock, of the Colonial Secretariat, leaves for Home to-morrow by s.s. Kashmir.

Among the forthcoming marriages announced is that of Mr. Arthur Richard Tavares, of 4, Caine Road, to Miss Gertrude Victoria Sousa, of Minden Avenue, Kowloon.

Enquiries have reached us in connexion with the Scottish Company Sports to-morrow, asking if the dancing competitions are open to ladies. We are informed that entries will be limited to men.

Twelve Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning charged with playing *jaan tan* at one of Messrs. Sang Lee's matches on the Praya East Reclamation. The men pleaded guilty and were fined \$3 each.

The mail by the s.s. Mongolia, from London dated September 29, consisted of 463 bags of letters and 167 bags by parcel post. These were distributed during the latter part of yesterday afternoon and this morning.

The topical gazette at the Queen's Theatre to-day shows the start of "Old Glory's" ill-fated attempt to fly across the Atlantic, the Canby Bridge celebrations, the girls' golf championship and a strange deer dance in Kent.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, Fan Chuen, mistress of a cargo boat, was charged with securing her craft outside five others alongside s.s. Bourdon and, pleading guilty, was fined \$5, with the usual alternative.

The Shaikwan police yesterday seized from fishing junk No. 4003, a quantity of arms, ammunition, dynamite, detonators and fuses. In connexion with this seizure a Chinaman is under arrest and will probably be charged to-morrow morning.

Lim Joo Tee, a Chinese woman, was charged with causing hurt by beating and burning to a girl in her household, at Penang, last week. She was sentenced to six months imprisonment on each count but was allowed out on bail of \$4,000 pending an appeal.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a heavy tonnage, with British vessels registering the highest number of arrivals, though cargo goes by the nationality were low. There were 21 arrivals and 15 departures, of which seven and four respectively were British, leaving 63 vessels in harbour of which 27 were British.

Mr. W. K. Robertson, principal warder at the Victoria Gaol, prosecuted in a case in which R. G. Baker, a Britisher, of 23 years of age, was charged with failing to return to the House of Detention after having been allowed out on leave. Baker pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Major C. Willson to one month's hard labour.

Mr. A. A. Dand reported to the police yesterday that while he was riding his motor bicycle along the Kowloon City Road near the Chinese theatre, a Chinese crossed the road in front of him, and was knocked down. Mr. Dand explained that he had no time to pull up. The Chinese sustained minor injuries and was taken to the Kowloon Hospital for attention.

A fine of \$15 was imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, on a Chinese, who was described by the police as a car washer and tout, who was caught driving in Des Voeux Road West in the early hours of Thursday morning without a license. An Indian constable's attention was drawn to the defendant by the fact that the car which defendant was driving was swerving from one side of the road to the other.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Paris	124.05
New York	4.87
Brussels	34.97
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.09
Milan	89.94
Berlin	22.40
Stockholm	18.09
Copenhagen	18.17
Oslo	18.50
Vienna	34.47
Prague	16.44
Helsingfors	19.84
Madrid	23.42
Lisbon	27.18
Athens	36.54
Bucharest	7.95
Buenos Aires	5.22/82
Rio	1/6.16/16
Bombay	1/6.26/4
Shanghai	1/11.4
Hongkong	1/10.15/16
Yokohama	25.13/16
Silver (spot)	25.13/16
Silver (forward)	25.13/16

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FIRE ON THE S.S. ANJOU.

PROMPT ALARM AND EARLY CONTROL.

A call was received by the Central Fire Station at 6.15 p.m. yesterday to the effect that the s.s. Anjou was on fire at the Tai Hing Wharf, on the Western Praya, and appliances were immediately despatched from Central and Kennedy Town stations. Little damage was done, and the vessel sailed at 8.30 p.m., some two hours after schedule. There was no loss of life, and damage was infinitesimal.

The first call was received shortly after 6 o'clock, the blaze having been discovered by cargo coolies working in the ship, which should have left for Hongkong at 6.30. Both fire-floats, and equipment from Kennedy Town and Central, were quickly on the scene, but the ship's company had already taken action and the fire was all but subdued when the appliances arrived.

The blaze commenced in a heap of gunny bags, stowed beneath the rice cargo, which was at the moment in the process of loading. It is thought that the outbreak was due to the throwing of a cigarette and through a ventilator leading to the after hold.

When the first call was issued the Harbour Master, Commr. G. F. Hole, together with officials from the Harbour Office, were called to the scene, but prompt action by both the crew and the Brigade restricted the progress of the flames, and there was little damage, there being no necessity for moving the ship.

The Anjou is commanded by Captain Brown, and is a vessel of 354 tons, owned by the Kwong Sun s.s. Company. She carries a crew of 62, with accommodation for 496 passengers.

DESTITUTE RUSSIAN.

CAME FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

A Russian, 31 years of age, named A. N. Tkachuk, was charged before Major C. Willson with being a destitute and without visible means of support.

Sub-Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, said that the defendant gave himself up to the police on Tuesday. In explaining the circumstances which brought defendant to Hongkong, Sub-Inspector Elston said that the medical officer of the Government Civil Hospital appeared to have a reputation amongst the Russians in the South China ports for his ability, and they invariably came to Hongkong for treatment. Recently there had been a good few similar cases.

In answer to the Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Elston said that the defendant and his type of person generally came to the Colony from Canton or Macau and they managed to do this by either stowing away or begging a passage, which was ninety cents.

In answer to another question the Sub-Inspector said it was not possible to send these stowaways back by the boat they came, because in most cases they refused to reveal the name of the boat, in which event the authorities had to send them back at their own expense.

Sub-Inspector Elston further informed his Worship that if the man's condition was really bad, the Superintendent of the House of Detention would doubtless send him to Hospital.

Major Willson accordingly committed the defendant to the House of Detention.

GERMAN ECONOMIC STABILITY.

FINANCES QUITE SOUND.

Berlin, Oct. 27. Speaking before the budget committee of the Reichstag, the president of the Reichsbank, Herr Schacht, declared that Germany's monetary position and stability of currency were certain so long as the Reichsbank was independent. The Minister of Economics, Dr. Curtius, quoted figures showing that Germany's economic life, including its guarantees and loans raised for public purposes, was quite sound.—Reuters.

A Singapore paper of last week remarks: "It is good news for Singapore music lovers that Mr. Extrem Zimbalist, the famous violinist, who gave two successful recitals at the Victoria Theatre this week, is likely to be heard here again on his return from the Far East. He leaves on Saturday for the Mongolia for Hongkong, and afterwards he will play in Shanghai Tokyo and other Japanese cities. He will pass through Singapore again about the end of the year on his way to India."

The Very Idea!

A small child was taken to the Zoological Gardens the other day. When he arrived at the monkey house he became deeply interested and stood opposite one cage for a long time. Then he turned to his father and said, "Daddy, do they let them out after they've turned into people?"

I wonder how one ought to do The Dixie Stomp, the Kinkajou? Now shall we have to prance and rompy In Kinkajou and Dixie Stomp? Or will the word be "Saunter through The Dixie Stomp and Kinkajou?" The don't exactly hint at pomp, The Kinkajou and Dixie Stomp; I do not think we'll find (do you?) A minuet-like Kinkajou; And oh, I fear the Dixie Stomp Began its history in a swamp!

Judge Crawford to a woman at South-end County Court: Are you Pretty? Woman: No, Sir. I am not Pretty.—Is your name Pretty?—No, Sir. Mr. Pretty is not here. Applicant at Willesden: I want a summons for assault and wilful damage. Magistrate: To whom? Applicant: To me and the parlour window. Willesden landlady: When I tell him to turn out he threatens to blow up his bedroom door.

Two or three hundred doctors, lawyers, taxi drivers, business men, journalists, and chemists, hiding their identity in the incognito of the Smith Family, Joy-spreaders, Unlimited, held their annual dinner in Sydney recently. Sir Henry Braddon who proposed the toast of the Smith Family, said there were innumerable opportunities for joy spreading, but they must remember that other people were intent upon joy spreading too. By abolishing work on Saturday Mr. Lang had spread considerable joy. Along this same line the Smith Family might bring happiness into many homes. He, for one, objected to work on Monday. Why should they work on Monday, anyway. Wasn't it sufficient to work from Tuesday to Friday? Later they would probably find it necessary to disperse gloom by abolishing work on Tuesday. And if they went through the whole week like this they would achieve the highly laudable end of sweeping the primal curse away altogether. Adam was the cause of it all. He wanted the apple not for the sake of the apple, but because it was forbidden. If the snake had been forbidden he would have eaten that too, and saved us a lot of misery.

There are fashions in spectacles just as there are fashions in women's dress.—Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe. Women are becoming more business-like.—Mrs. L. A. Willson, President of Women Engineers. I don't see any prospect of going back to what might be called the more "human" method of carrying on business.—Mr. Fred Hughes. The State is following a policy which will lower the moral tone of the nation when it undertakes to do work which its citizens ought to do.—Mr. G. L. Lingstrom.

The comparisons recently drawn between English and Scottish theatre audiences in regard to the bad habit of applauding in the middle of a scene have moved a correspondent to send me (says "Peter Simple" in the Morning Post) the following appropriate anecdote of Mrs. Siddons's experiences when she was playing Lady Macbeth in Edinburgh.

The first two acts went down in dead silence, and when it came to the sleep-walking scene the great actress put forth all her powers, vowing before she went on that if that did not rouse them she would throw up her engagement. She had her reward. As the curtain descended one voice was heard to exclaim "That's no bad."

A well-known judge often relieved his judicial wisdom with a touch of humour. One day, during the trial of a case, Mr. Gunn was a witness in the box, and as he hesitated a good deal, and seemed unwilling, after much persistent questioning, to tell what he knew, the judge said to him: "Come, Mr. Gunn, don't hang fire." After the examination had closed, the Bar was convulsed by the judge adding: "Mr. Gunn, you can go off; you are discharged."

The continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day, which presents Zane Grey's story, "The Call of the Canyon" as the chief item, will end at 8.30, the popular musical comedy company, the Quints, submitting "Oh Joy" at 9.15. The principal picture at the World Theatre, Gloria Swanson's production of "Madame Sans Gens" the famous play of Napoleon's day by Victorien Sardou and Emile Moreau, begins promptly at the times advertised, namely, with orchestra 6.15, and 9.20, with Chinese interpreter, 2.30 and 7.15.

WORLD'S PEACE.

HOW BRITISH POLICY COUNTS.

NO "RUNNING RISKS."

London, Oct. 27.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, spoke on world peace at a luncheon given in his honour by the Aldwych Club. The Diplomatic Corps was strongly represented.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the recent meeting of the League of Nations had attracted, in this country, for reasons which one could well understand, more attention than had usually been attracted by meetings of that assembly. Undoubtedly the failure of the three-Power naval conference had caused the proceedings of the recent assembly to be viewed with a certain amount of anxiety, and additional interest. He had recently read speeches that would lead him almost to suppose that what had passed at the meetings of the League Assembly was unparalleled, and that there was some kind of revolt of the smaller Powers against the greater, to a degree of friction and difficulties unknown, and unlike anything which had occurred at any of the assemblies which preceded it.

For himself, the latest assembly seemed very much like, in character, its predecessors. The results of its discussions were distinctly encouraging to those who wished the League to do its work. On this occasion the nations assembled at Geneva had exercised greater freedom in discussing those questions which affected them, and that was due not to the fact that the situation was more dangerous, but that the representatives of the assembled nations were encouraged, by the spirit which now prevailed, to bring into the light of day a discussion of the questions which, in more delicate and dangerous moments, had been reserved for secret conference.

The Principal Effect.

"The chief result of these discussions," continued Sir Austen Chamberlain, "is that they have served to concentrate attention more closely on the practical aspects of the problems which confront us in the present day and to bring us back from vague phrases and expansive aspirations to deal with those problems patiently, and fulfil those steps which are immediately practicable and reasonable."

It would be foolish of me to pretend that the expression of British policy was popular in all countries. We should be foolish to expect unqualified popularity for our policy, and what we must do is to preserve that respect which British policy has always earned in the eyes of the world. There have been some criticisms of that policy, especially amongst speakers at home. There is one danger which I hope all men of all parties will seek to avoid. I hope none will desire to make the League of Nations become the subject of party controversy. I hold it to be the duty of every Foreign Secretary to preserve, within the measure of what is possible, a national policy which, whatever and whenever a change of government may come, will be still a policy which can be pursued with continuity, for upon continuity the success of our diplomacy depends."

Referring to the resignation from the Cabinet of Viscount Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was not quite sure wherein the differences between himself and Lord Cecil on League questions consisted. "But if I understand Lord Cecil, he was willing to run risks and undertake obligations which, it seems to me, the trustees of this Empire have neither the right to undertake nor the power to fulfil."

—British Wireless.

THE CHINA NAVAL STATION.

LATEST APPOINTMENTS.

Among appointments of Royal Marine officers is that of Captain J. H. G. Wills, from Portsmouth, to the cruiser Durban, in China.

It has been decided that the river gunboats Woodcock, Woodlark, and Robin, which are being relieved on the China Station by the new gunboats Tern, Gannet and Seaweed respectively, are to be placed on the disposal list on relief, for sale locally. The new vessels are to be ready by about the middle of November. All three vessels to be sold were built 30 years ago.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on Sept. 27: Chaplains, Rev. W. F. Scott, B.A., to Frohisher; and Rev. G. St. L. H. Gosselin, M.A., to Hawkins (undated). Surg. Lieut. Commr. A. W. North, to Titania (on relief). Surg. Lieut. A. E. Phillips, M.B., to Ambrose (Oct. 17).

MR. WANG CHING-WEI ARRIVES.

THE KUOMINTANG LEADER IN HONGKONG.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the foremost Kuomintang leader, arrived at Hongkong this morning by the P. and O. steamer Kashmir on his way to Canton from Shanghai.

Mr. Wang left Shanghai on the 26th, and was accompanied by five other Kuomintang commissioners and personal secretaries. Mr. Kam Nai-kwong, who was reported a few days ago to have arrived at Hongkong, was also with party.

The Kashmir with Mr. Wang and his party arrived in port before seven o'clock. A launch and two motor boats were soon gathering around the steamer, with a number of Kuomintang commissioners, officials from Canton and pressmen anxiously waiting to see the distinguished visitor.

Owing to the fact that the steamer was flying the doctor's flag those who went to welcome Mr. Wang were not able to board her till a little after eight o'clock.

Mr. Wang received the visitors on the steamer and shook hands with them one by one. Among those present were Mr. Chan Kung-poh, the Commissioner of Civil Affairs of Kwangtung; Mr. Chan Shiu-yan, the Commissioner of Reconstruction, (a chief subordinate to Wang); Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, Mrs. Chan Kun-poh, Mr. Ma Shoung, the Chief aide-de-camp to the late Dr. Sun; Mr. Chan Yui-cho, formerly Commissioner of Reconstruction, (a brother-in-law of Mrs. Wang); and about a dozen others.

Interviewed by our representative, Mr. Wang declared that he favours the calling of a General Kuomintang Conference to settle the disputes of the Party.

Mr. Wang will go up to Canton in a day or two. His address in Hongkong is being kept rather secret. After landing at Kennedy Town, Mr. Wang left by motor car to stay with friends.

Meets Gen. Chang Fat-kwai.

We understand that Mr. Wang Ching-wei later this morning had an interview with Gen. Chang Fat-kwai who came down to Hongkong from Canton yesterday.

SEQUEL TO MOTOR COLLISION.

\$484 DAMAGES AWARDED.

Holding that the defendant was to blame for the accident, Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, awarded the Kowloon Motor Bus Company \$484 damages against Mr. Henry Leung.

The case arose out of an collision last month on the Laichikoi Road. A motor-bus was struck by defendant's Studebaker car, skidded across the road and overturned, injuring several of the passengers. The bus was badly damaged.

Yesterday, Mr. Justice Wood criticised the Police and commented strongly upon the fact that top-heavy buses were allowed to remain on the road.

Mr. C. A. So Russ appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the defendant. Costs were also awarded against defendant when judgment was delivered today.

RESULT OF FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

A DIFFICULT COUPON.

Owing to the many unexpected results of last Saturday's Home football matches, the "Telegraph" coupon proved to be extremely difficult.

Out of the twelve matches on the coupon no fewer than six resulted in a draw, there were two "away" wins and only four "home" wins.

It is not surprising therefore that there have been only two claims submitted for the prize, although the number of entries was gratifyingly high.

The prize of \$25 is won by Mrs. R. A. Roberts, 9, E Block, Victoria Barracks.

who succeeded in correctly forecasting nine out of the twelve matches—an extremely creditable effort. Will Mrs. Roberts please call at this office for the prize money?

There was only one other claim submitted—this being in respect of eight correct forecasts.

SHANGHAI ITEMS.

THE ARMS TRAFFIC CASE.

A THEATRE COMPLAINT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Oct. 22.

By the time these lines are in print, Knight M. Crawley will have received his sentence at the hands of Judge Milton D. Purdy, of the U. S. Court for China, for obtaining the sum of \$73,200 from the representatives of General Yang Sen, by fraudulent pretences.

Judge Purdy has just found Crawley guilty of the offence charged against him and has deferred pronouncing sentence to a later day. Thus ends one of the most sensational criminal trials in the annals of the U. S. Court for China, which has contrived to sustain public interest to white heat.

The case of Crawley, in and of itself, is scarcely any different from the crop of cases that have, from time to time, occupied the attention of the U. S. Court, involving transactions in arms and ammunition, but the chief interest in the present case lies in the fact that Judge Purdy has taken a serious view of activities wherein citizens of the United States, with the utmost callousness, seek to supply arms which ultimately might be instrumental in the shooting down of innocent persons.

The presiding Judge said that the defrauding of General Yang Sen's delegates of this large sum of money would have been cruel and brutal robbery or larceny but for the fact that the arms these men came here to buy were intended to shoot down innocent persons.

At a time when the extra-territorial system in China is being held up to odium and contempt by its opponents and foreign Concessions are being stigmatized as the repository for all manner of abuses, foreigners engaging in the nefarious arms traffic are nothing but traitors of their own kind, and the sequel to the Crawley case is not a little gratifying to the community as a whole.

Newspapers And Divorce Publicity.

A few days ago, in the course of a divorce case in H. M. Supreme Court, the question arose of the application of the Divorce Act to local newspapers. Before the evidence in the case was heard, counsel for the petitioner asked the presiding Judge if there had yet been any ruling as to whether the Divorce Act, 1926 (which restricts the reporting of divorce cases) applied out here in China as regards any who were within the jurisdiction of the Court, and, if so, would it be directed that such news as were not within the Court's jurisdiction should leave its precincts.

The Judge replied that the Act in question applied only to England and certain parts of Scotland, and not to the north of Ireland, and, as far as he could see, it did not apply in this country. Therefore, he did not propose to make any ruling under it. This means that the newspapers of Shanghai are free to print whatever they please, no matter how scandalous certain divorce suit details might be.

The absence of any provision empowering judges of H. M. Supreme Court for China to use their discretion in limiting the reporting of this class of lawsuit is disappointing to a degree, for whilst the more reputable newspapers disdain to take advantage of the situation, there is another class of journal which fastens with avidity on salacious details with which to regale its readers, thereby forcing up an artificial circulation because a certain section of the public learn to know what papers to turn to when they want to read a certain class of matter, despite the damage done to foreign social prestige.

A Repertory Company For Shanghai?

Every now and then, an acute controversy develops relative to the precise degree of Shanghai's appreciation of art. Mr. Allan Wilkie, who some years ago toured the Far East with Miss Hutin Britton for a Shakespearean season, night after night had the mortifying experience of facing a woefully scant audience consisting of less than 50 persons, until one night, stepping to the footlights, he told Shanghai exactly what he thought of it, incidentally remarking that the good folks of the Settlement were incapable of appreciating any form of dramatic art unless the nurseries of the entertainment adopted the methods of a circus manager in advertising their wares. For his own part, he promised them that he would never again set foot in Shanghai—and he never did.

Since Mr. Wilkie's time, many theatrical ventures have come and gone, but have never come again. Theatrical productions in Shanghai to-day, both local and imported, are remarkable in point of quantity rather than of quality, which said

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EXTRATERRITORIAL "RIGHTS."

AMERICAN GAOLED FOR FOUR DAYS.

CONSUL NOT NOTIFIED.

A peculiar infringement of extraterritorial rights of foreigners took place in the Chinese city last week, reports a Shanghai paper. Mr. William M. McKay, an American was driving a motor car last Monday evening near the West Gate, in the course of which he had an accident with a child, whom he immediately took to a foreign hospital, where it was attended to. The child was able to leave the hospital, apparently, and to run off and play. Mr. McKay was, however, arrested and taken to a Chinese police station near the West Gate.

In spite of the fact that Mr. McKay claimed that he was an American citizen no effort was made to notify the American Consulate. It was only Thursday that some interested friends, who were searching for him, notified the American Consul that this man had been missing for several days and that they believed that he was under arrest and detention in a Chinese police station. The American Consul-General made a demand for his immediate release and he was delivered to the American authorities within two hours. He had, however, been detained for almost four days without his consul being informed, without trial or an opportunity to notify his friends.

The American District Attorney, Dr. Sellett, held Mr. McKay pending a receipt of charges from the Chinese authorities, on bail. This is not the first instance of an American being detained by the Chinese police. Some months ago an American was forced to pay a fine in Chinese territory at a police station, although the proper procedure would have been to notify his consulate and request them to punish him for whatever might have been the infraction.

THE BLUE TRAIN.

LIVELY MUSICAL COMEDY BY QUANTS.

Abounding with delightful farce, excellent song numbers and lively stepping, it is to be hoped that "The Blue Train" as presented at the Theatre Royal last night by the Quants Musical Comedy Company, will run again in Hongkong before the Indian Tour is undertaken.

The show was the last before the short Kowloon season, but it was by no means the least. Gordon Rennie has few rivals when it comes to farce, and he excellently himself in the role of Freddy Royce, playing opposite Miss Julie Bransgrove, in whom he has found a splendid co-operator for the development of the many highly diverting situations. The audience, a fairly large one, responded in very enthusiastic manner to his rollicks.

The main story was carried by Edmund Nash (Tony) and Frances Day (Eileen) who were heard to much advantage in delightful duets, particularly "When a Girl's In Love with a Man" and "Eileen."

The whole company contributed towards the success of a lively show which was splendidly produced, considerable attention having been devoted to the extremely effective scenery, while the dresses were all in keeping with the Swiss atmosphere, which formed the basis of the show.

This evening, the Quants presented "Oh Joy" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

THE CAPTIVE FRENCH PARTY.

MANY FINGERS IN THE PIE.

Casablanca, Oct. 27.

The Pasha of the Beni Mellal people has returned to the base after establishing a system of communication with the French hunting party, of two ladies and two men, who were taken captive on October 23, by means of native runners, and he has also arranged to prevent too many participating in the negotiations for their release.

The tribe of Alkaimiou Said has allowed the passage of the prisoners through its territory, on condition that it be entrusted with the negotiations.—Reuter.

Penang, Oct. 20.—While the Harbour Board launch Alert was crossing to Butterworth last night the propeller fouled a sampan in which there were four Chinese fishermen. The sampan was capsized but three of the men were rescued, the fourth man being drowned.

CHINA'S CHAOS.

PERCIVAL PHILLIPS' VIEWS.

CULT OF COMMUNISM.

Sir Percival Phillips, special correspondent of the Daily Mail, who has been for some time in China and is visiting Java on a holiday, paid a brief visit to Singapore. He left the Malwa on Wednesday afternoon last week, stayed for a day or two at the Europe Hotel, and left on Friday afternoon.

Sir Percival gave an interview to a representative of the Singapore Free Press in the course of which he expressed some views on the present situation in China.

He said that he went to China last November and was in Hankow when he lost the concession. His last visit to the East was when he also went to Australia. He was a passenger on board the steamer Murella which was severely damaged after a collision with an oil tanker just off the East Coast.

His intention in going to China was to observe the influence Russia was having on the Nationalist movement. It seemed to him a very serious thing that Russia should get hold of the Nationalist party. When he went back in November last he saw a great deal of the Russian influence on the Nationalists which party they had for a certain time dominated. As a result it was generally known what happened at Hankow and Nanking. The deliberate outbreaks were planned by the Communist element and maintained by the Southern troops under Communist generals. He was in Shanghai when the trouble broke out there.

As soon as the Russians were nominally withdrawn things fell to pieces. He had always said that this would happen, as soon as Russian control was withdrawn. At the present time they had in Southern China instead of a unified Nationalist government, all sorts of military bodies acting as controllers of the local districts, making taxes on their own and being in no way different from the old regime of local war lords which the Cantonese had declared they were going to overthrow. There was the same incompetence, corruption, disloyalty and the several vices which were to be found in numerous phases of the revolution.

There was no chance of any trouble or serious organised outbreak to threaten foreign interests at the present—certainly not in Shanghai and he did not think in the Yangtze Valley. Precautions had been taken and there would probably be a British cruiser at Hankow during the winter. He believed that the Americans and Japanese were also going to take similar precautions.

Nationalist Movement Demoralised.

At the present time the whole Nationalist movement was thoroughly demoralised. All the generals and politicians were out for themselves. They had no money at all. The people had suffered greatly through all those officers, everybody was poor, more discouraged and more disillusioned.

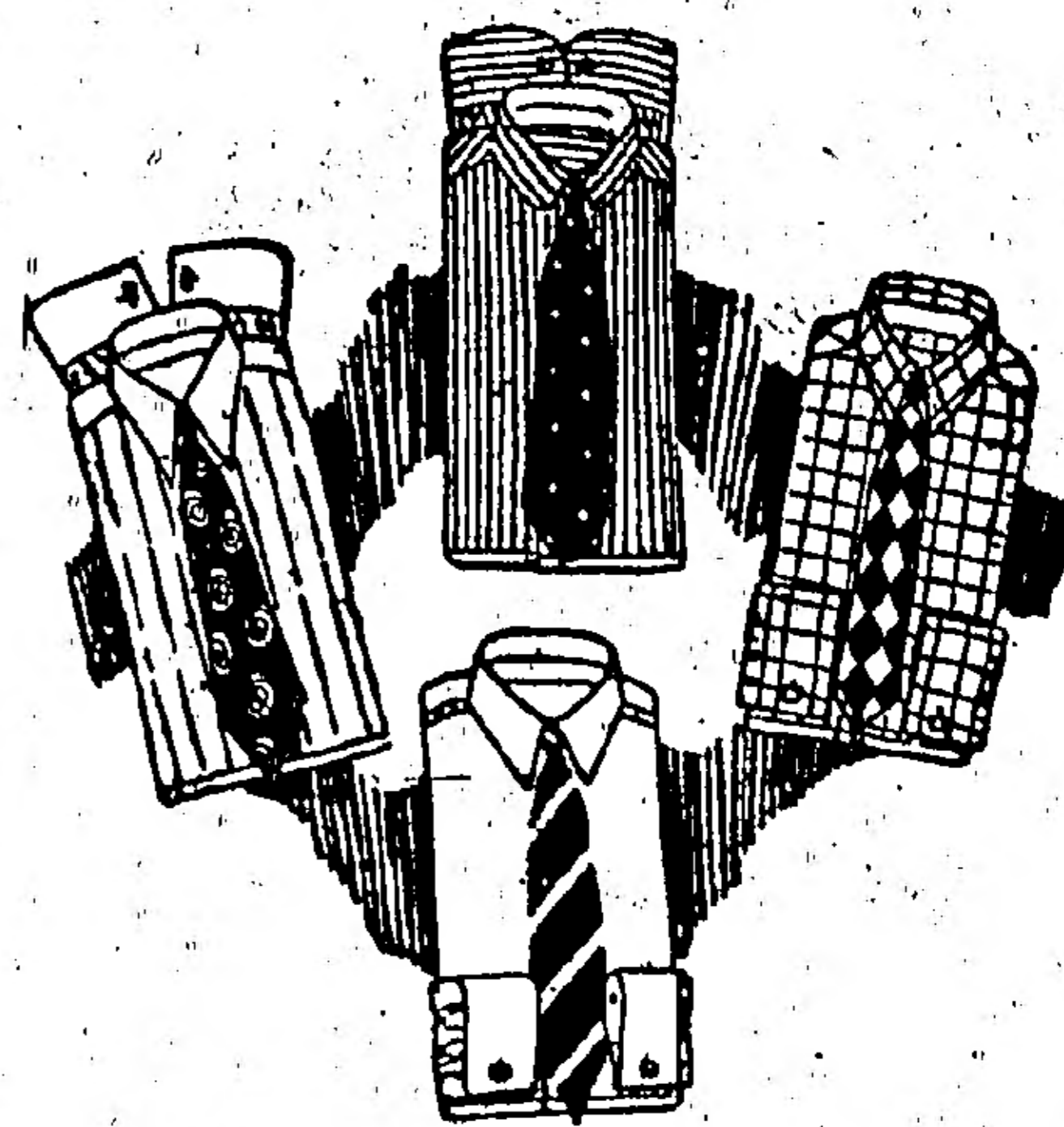
However, Russia was still determined to bring China if possible into line with her own Soviet principles. She had sent out an entirely new lot of organisers and experts of various kinds from Moscow and the principal centre was Shanghai.

These people were keeping in close touch with Chinese Communists and were working much more carefully than previously. They realised one mistake they had made in the previous movement.

There was no doubt that the Communist effort was there. When he left China a fortnight ago there was a steady and very alarming new manifestation of Communist activity. When he left Hankow the Seamen's Union, the most powerful of the industrial movements, had gone past under the control of the red element. The end of the Communist efforts in China had not been seen but at the same time he thought that the more considerable element among the Chinese particularly the merchant class now realised that they were more worse off than they were before. There was a better feeling towards the British and serious efforts were being made to bring about a better understanding and co-operation which would eventually have a good effect.

The student element, said Sir Percival, had simply run wild. It was far more what he would call an inferiority complex than a genuine desire to revolutionise the country from political quarters.

"These" said Sir Percival in conclusion, "are my own views. There are many who disagree with me. I went to China with an open mind. The whole recent movement was on the wrong lines and being allowed to drift into the hands of the Russians there came a mischievous and highly dangerous movement."



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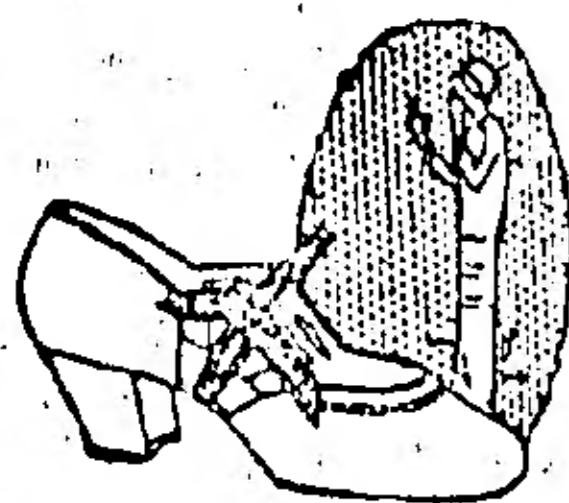
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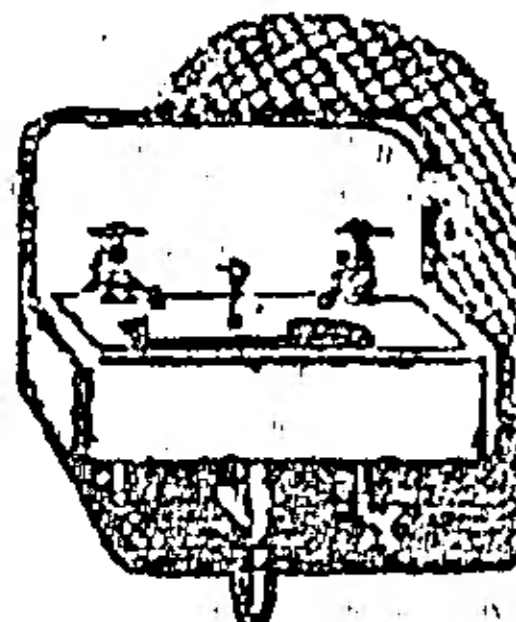
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LEAGUE SOCCER.

TO-MORROW'S LOCAL
MATCHES.

H. K. F. C. POSTPONEMENT.

[By "Wanderer"]

A minor adjustment has been made in the Hongkong Football League programme for to-morrow on account of the postponement of the H.K.F.C. games.

The Scots Guards will oppose the Recreation, thus catching up the match postponed last Saturday. This game, and that between the Chinese Athletic and the R.A.F., appear to be the most interesting matches scheduled.

The struggle among the six leading clubs is now becoming interesting, and the next week or so may be expected to settle things one way or another.

THE FIXTURE LIST.

The fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and the referees appointed, is appended:

Senior Division.

K.O.S.B. v. South China.—Sookun-poo, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Gilbert.
Recreation v. Scots Guards.—Recreation, 4.30 p.m.—Capt. Austin.
Kowloon v. R.A.F.—Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Rogers.
Queen's v. Police.—U.S.R.C.—4.30 p.m.—Mr. Hyson.
Chinese Athletic v. R.A.—Club, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin.

Junior Division "A."

S. China "B" v. K.O.S.B.—Sookun-poo, 3 p.m.—Mr. Gilmore.
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon.—St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.—Mr. Lamb.
Recreation v. University.—Recreation, 3 p.m.—Mr. Stokes.
S. China "A" v. Chinese Athletic.—Club, 3 p.m.—Mr. Smith.

Junior Division "B."

St. Joseph's v. S. China "A"—St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Samy.
Kowloon v. Chinese Athletic.—Kowloon, 3 p.m.—Mr. Blackwood.
Moslem v. S. China "B"—S. China, 6 p.m.—Mr. Hutchins.
Boy Scouts v. Kung Woo.—S. China, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Presley.

Fixture Readjustment.

As will be observed, the Club de Recreation, instead of entertaining the H.K.F.C. as scheduled in the original list, will be faced by the stronger opposition of the Scots Guards. Both Club matches have been postponed on account of the Scottish Company sports.

The Scots Guards suffered their first League defeat on Wednesday, while the Recreation have as yet been undefeated. A very keen game is certain and the robust tactics of the Scots Guards may upset general anticipations that the Recreation will achieve a further victory.

K.O.S.B. Should Win.

The Borderers appear to be getting into their stride and they should experience little difficulty in gaining full points at the expense of South China. The latter team shows little signs of improvement on the early season form, while the K.O.S.B. forward line is getting more on the mark, the return of the Rev. Alexander having affected a noticeable improvement.

Lowly Placed.

Kowloon and the Royal Air Force, occupying the two lowest positions in the league table at present, meet on the Kowloon ground, and a tight struggle for betterment of their respective positions is assured.

There is a doubt whether Sims will be able to turn out for the home side. If he is absent his loss will be a severe one. Kowloon lost last week to the Police but the general improvement in teamwork was conspicuous and they hope to win their second match. The R.A.F. have yet to register their first league success.

Interesting Tussle.

The match between the Police and the Queen's Royal Regiment at the U.S.R.C. ground should be interesting as a tussle between one of the best defences in the league and one of the smartest forward lines.

Woodards is probably the most deadly shot, while he is saved a considerable amount of work by the wonderfully clever play of Barclay on his left. The Queen's will start as favourites, but they are not expected to win any too comfortably.

THE BIG FIGHT.

LAKE AND NIXON BOTH
CONFIDENT.

TO-MORROW'S TOURNEY.

[By "Wanderer"]

If keenness counts for anything, the battle between Lake and Nixon for the lightweight championship of the Colony at the City Hall tournament to-morrow night, will, in common parlance, prove a hum-dinger. Confidence permeates both camps to an extent which promises a very spirited encounter.

Nixon has been in the hands of "Sky" Kerrison, who is very sure of his man, and there can be little doubt that Nixon is not entering the ring on reputation alone. He has shown enough in his training, (undertaken very seriously), to indicate that he knows the game pretty thoroughly apart from his punching ability, and the lighter-footed Lake will need all his nimbleness to keep him out of harm's way.

Lake also has put his very best into his training under Sergt. Hunt, and in a try-out on Wednesday against some heavier opponents, he gave every reason for continued confidence in his ability.

The semi-final bids fair to provide an entertaining contest in addition. Stoker Britt is a hardened warrior with plenty of go, and Iltingworth, who comes from the "school" trained by Petty Officer Burgess at the Naval Canteen, is credited with excellent showings in his work-outs.

Boxers in the Colony at the present time are nearly all centred round four training schools. Petty Officer Burgess has some capable youngsters coming on splendidly; "Kid" Marriot has Stoker Britt as well as several other good men under his wing; Sergt. R. J. Hunt trains Lake, Hume, Smith and a host of others; while last but not least "Sky" Kerrison is directing the efforts of Nixon, Huff and Pte. George along the right channel.

These "camps" are all for the good of the sport in the Colony, and assist materially in eliminating the never-likely-to-improve novitiate from local tournaments.

Charged with the possession of two Luger automatic guns and an arrangement which could convert these into machine guns, a Chinese was sentenced to a year's hard labour this morning. The case was heard before two Magistrates, R. E. Lindell and Major C. Wilson, sitting together.

R.A. Improvement.

The Royal Artillery's play against the R.A.F. on Wednesday was a distinct improvement on their performance against the Club last week. However, they will be opposed to-morrow by different mettle, and it will occasion considerable surprise if the Chinese Athletic fail to garner full points.

With the Juniors.

The K.O.S.B. will, I suppose, continue their goal-scoring orgy when they meet South China "B" in the Junior "A." There is no indication at present that anything will arise in the division to stop the walk-over victories of the K.O.S.B. Reserves. Kowloon are well represented against St. Joseph's and there is any improvement forward they should defeat St. Joseph's. The Recreation and Chinese Athletic are also expected to win.

In the Junior "B" Division, the indicated winners are St. Joseph's, Chinese Athletic, Moslem and Kung Woo.

Next Wednesday.

On Wednesday next, the K.O.S.B. are meeting the Queen's Royal Regiment in a league match at Sookunpoo, Mr. Phillips being in charge of the game.

Junior Players.

Resolutions regulating the movements of junior players from one team to another were passed by the League Management Committee at its meeting last night. Players who engage in more than two Junior "A" matches, may not play in Junior "B" games, without permission, and where clubs have more than one team in a division, players must be specifically registered for each team, and may not be moved from one to another, with the formality of transfer under the rules.

Points were awarded to the Moslem Club in respect of their match with Kowloon "B", which was cancelled.

GREYHOUND RACING FOR SHANGHAI.

ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR
COURSING.

EXPERTS ON THE WAY.

Arrangements are nearing completion for the opening of the first greyhound racing track ever known in the Far East; a Greyhound Association of China has been formed in close touch with the Greyhound Association of Great Britain; and a club composed of members of the principal sporting clubs in Shanghai is in process of formation.

A site for the proposed track has been selected, plans have been drawn up and submitted to the Greyhound Association of Great Britain for criticism, machinery has been ordered and will be leaving England within a few days, and a batch of 70 greyhounds has been purchased and will shortly be on its way there. The course will be 510 yards in circumference, which corresponds with the distance over which hounds race on the newer and better tracks at home. It is proposed to build a club-house, with an enclosure for members, and grand stands for the general public. A pari-mutuel system will satisfy the ambitions of the punter.

A general manager for the association, Major Duncan Campbell, has been engaged through the British association. Major Campbell is well-known on greyhound tracks at home, having had a great deal of experience in the management of the White City and Harringway courses. A staff of greyhound trainers has also been engaged.

Cost £35 Each.

It has been the aim of the promoters to bring out only good hounds, of level performance and with few vices. The average price of this first batch of hounds is £35. Special kennels will be built for them, if possible at some distance from the track, as it is considered that the excitement of the races will thus not act upon the nerves of the hounds who are not running.

Sub-Griffin Principle.

At first, at any rate, racing will be conducted on the subscription-griffin principle. Members of the club will sign for a hound, very much in the same way as racing men sign for sub-griffins at the Shanghai Race Club and the I.R.C. Hounds will be apportioned by lot. This system, it is considered, will give all prospective owners a fair chance, and will do away with the possibility of a few wealthy owners buying expensive hounds on their own initiative and cleaning up all races locally. Later it may be possible to introduce races for privately imported hounds.—Shanghai Times.

GOLF IN SHANGHAI.

FINE PERFORMANCE BY MR.
D. E. LANDALE.

There was much interesting golf in Shanghai during last week-end. In the first place the arrival here of D. E. Landale, who was runner-up in the British amateur championship this year, provided the possibility of an exciting game, and additional attention was given to it from the fact that Captain A. G. Barry, who has held the championship would participate in it. The match arranged took place at Kiangwan on Saturday afternoon, when a four ball foursome was played with Landale and J. F. Pilcher on one side, and Captain Barry and Captain Hutchison on the other. The latter pair won by four up and three to play. Landale went out in 34 and was home in 39, having a total of 73, while Captain Hutchison was 74. The underhand grip which Landale uses seemed to cause him to hook many shots, otherwise his score would have been much better. It is of interest to mention that for 17 holes Captain Barry had a score of 65. Club v. United Services.

Yesterday the Shanghai Golf Club registered an easy win by 14 points to 4 over the United Services Association. Singles were played in the morning and four balls in the afternoon.

SHANGHAI'S CRICKET TEAM.

INTERPORT ELEVEN SHINES.

Pat Madar was the hero of the last interport trial cricket match played at Shanghai on Sunday, between the Interport XI and the Rest of Shanghai, drawn from the S.C.C. and the Shaforce, scoring a faultless 101, not out, to set the seal on the easy victory of the interports.

Battling first the Rest, captained by Mr. G. M. Billings, himself an interporter of old experience, were dismissed for 127 runs. The Interport XI opened with Madar and Stokes. The two settled down easily, and before Stokes was dismissed with a well played 50 to his credit, they had put the issue of the match beyond doubt. The score at the end of the first day was 101-0 to the interports, and succeeded in hitting the winning run.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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THE WARATAHS TASTE DEFEAT.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S
NARROW WIN.

London, Oct. 27.
Oxford University beat the New South Wales Rugby football team, known as the Waratahs, by three points to nil.
This is the first defeat the Waratahs have sustained on their present tour in England.—British Wireless.

TENNIS "STARS" ON WORLD TOUR.

BRUGNON AND BOROTRA TO
VISIT AUSTRALIA.

Paris, Oct. 13.
Brugnon, Borotra, and Mlle. Bussus sail to-morrow for a seven months' world tour, during which they will visit Argentina, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa.

JAVELIN-THROWING FEAT.

FINN SMASHES WORLD'S
RECORD.

Helsingfors, Oct. 8.
Penttila, of Finland, created a world's javelin record, throwing 69.88 metres.
The old record held by Lindstrom, Sweden, was 66.62 metres.

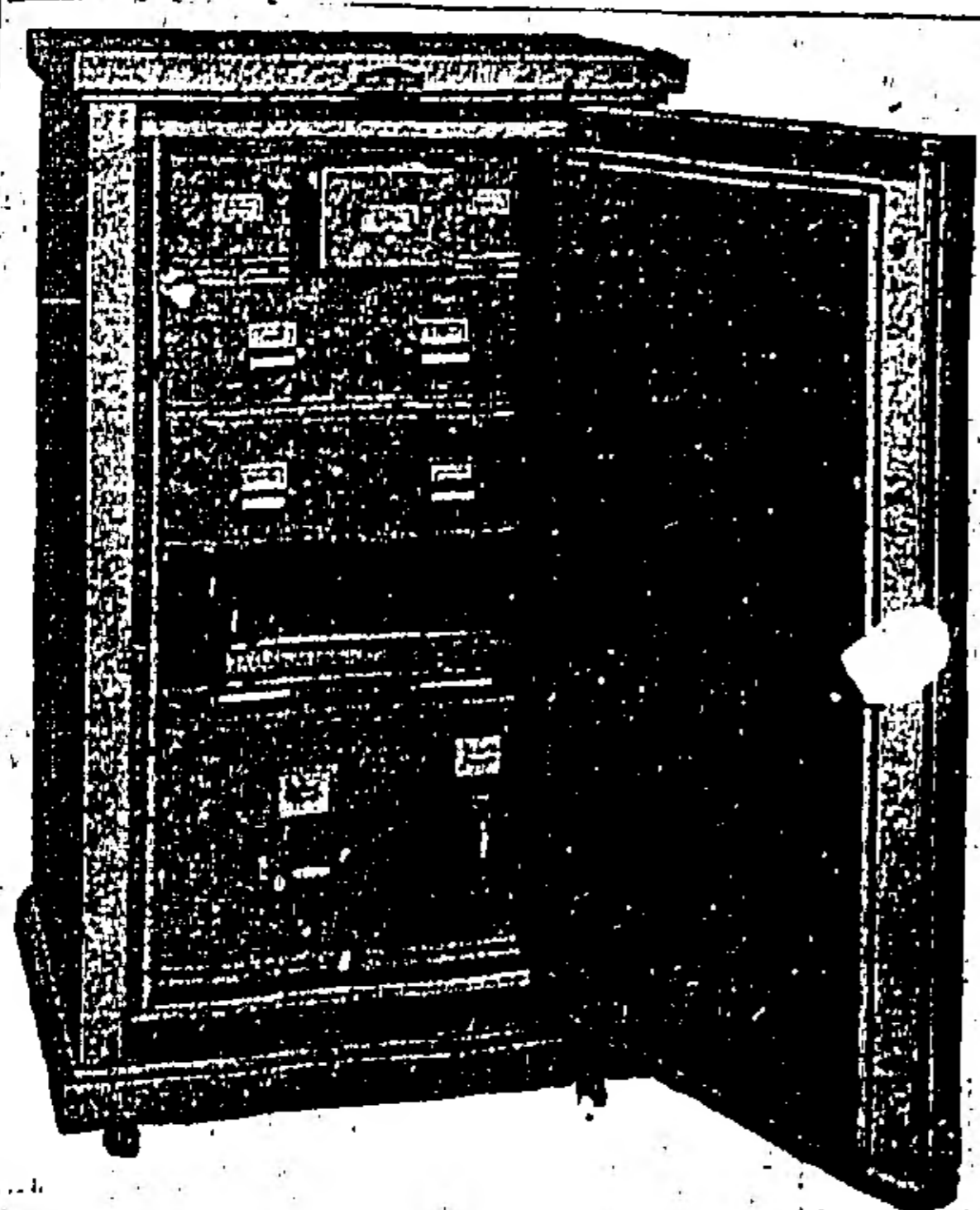
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NEW SERIAL STORY

THE MERAFIELD MYSTERY.

By R. A. J. WALLING.
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CHAPTER XI.

This was a strange story of Lilliput. I was careful not to put too much on it. Possibly I had come upon a vital piece of evidence bearing on the fate of Merafield. Possibly not. I might be utterly wrong in assuming any connexion between the occupant of the motor-boat and the experience of Merafield and Overbury on the Monday afternoon.

But if Overbury remained in hiding and nothing could be discovered of Lilliput's eccentric customer, it was plain that nothing more could be learnt about what happened on the luger. Overbury was silent. Merafield was dead. The cormorant shooter was missing. The secret, whatever it was, had been known only among these three.

It has always been my habit not to pursue the unattainable. Therefore I put Monday afternoon aside. There might be some relation between the motor-boat sportsman and the curious conduct of Atkins and the flight of Mrs. Briscoe from Chittahampstead, but at present they were isolated phenomena.

I turned from them to the only remaining point suggested by Overbury's note to Merafield. He spoke of the events of both Monday and Tuesday as preliminary to the telephone message that was to be expected on the Wednesday.

Of the Tuesday, all I knew was that Merafield and Overbury had gone to play golf at Longstone, and that when they returned Merafield was ill and Overbury in a state of great excitement.

Though I was not a member of the Longstone Club, but played on a course nearer Westport, I knew the Longstone secretary very well. He was Bannister, who had been in the Army and retired as a captain. I decided to run up to Longstone and see him.

The same afternoon I sat with Bannister on the veranda of the Longstone Club House overlooking the sea, ostensibly waiting for an acquaintance who had said he might be there that day, and would like a round with me if I happened to be in the neighbourhood. So I talked golf and allowed Bannister himself to lead up to the Merafield affair. I was pretty certain that he would soon get there. One could not talk tea minutes to any man who had known Merafield before the conversation drifted round to his death.

No, I said, in answer to Bannister, there was no news at all. Grainger and all the Westport police, as well as the county police, were on it, but made no discoveries, and there was talk of calling in Scotland Yard.

"Plain as a pikestaff, I should think, what happened," said Bannister, "though I'm surprised at Merafield's wife. Always seemed such a stiff and reserved kind of woman. But you never know, do you? Still waters run deep."

I thought it safe to commit myself to the opinion that you never knew.

"And Overbury," said Bannister. "I didn't know him at all, but he was here with Merafield the day before, and he seemed a white man. He and Merafield were on the best of terms."

"Oh, I lied. 'Were they here?' Can't remember whether I heard that? Were they playing?"

"Oh, yes," said Bannister. "Come up in the morning and went round. Had lunch at the same table with me, and went round again in the afternoon—at least, they did not go quite round, because the message came, for Merafield when they were on the fifteenth. They went off together."

I suppressed with violence the inclination I had to get up and shake the leisurely Bannister till he told me everything he knew as quickly as he could get out the words. But he was enjoying a gossip, and it was imperative for

me to show no anxiety. I wanted urgently to know about that message, but I just said "Oh!" and let him meander on.

"Yes, Merafield introduced Overbury to me at lunch, and I thought him a good sort. Any amount of conversation. Sort of chap who's been everywhere and knows everything. Sportsman, too. And yes, by Jove! now I come to think of it, Merafield, said he'd have been in Davy Jones's locker instead of playing golf if it hadn't been for Overbury. Appears they had a spill out of Overbury's boat the day before, and Overbury saved his life or something."

"Oh!" said I. "I heard they had a ducking, but I didn't know there was anything heroic going on."

"Heroic he damned, Franks. I don't mean to say the chap was posing as Merafield's saviour, or anything like that, you take me, but he pulled him in when he was in trouble. Of course, the chap made a push-pool of it himself."

"Of course," I said. "Would the fellow never come to the point?"

"So you may believe it seemed a bit strange to us when we heard a couple of days after that Overbury had shot the man he saved from drowning. It didn't appear to fit. But then, as I say, when women are concerned in anything, where are you?"

"Ah!" said I.

But this seemed as if it might go on for ever. I ventured a guess.

"Did you take the telephone message for Merafield? If so, I suppose that was the last time you spoke to him?"

"No, I didn't actually take it. Somebody rang up and asked for him from his place, I think. Said it was urgent. And as I had seen him on the fifteenth, over there, which isn't a hundred yards from the house, I told them to hold the wire and went and fetched him. After he'd spoken he said a few words to Overbury, who had followed him in, and then he turned round to me and said: 'That'll be all to-day, Bannister. I'm called away.' So those were the last words old Merafield ever said to me. Then he looked at his watch and said to Overbury, 'Time for a cup of tea, I think, and then went in to get one.'

"Ah!" said I, "poor old Merafield! And so that was the last you saw of him?"

"Yes, to speak to. But I thought afterwards it was a pity they didn't finish the round, because they hung about for half an hour. Seems they were waiting for Merafield's car, which the chauffeur drove up about that time."

"Oh! I thought Merafield usually drove himself."

"So he does. I mean, so he did," said Bannister. "In fact, he drove over that morning in his little demon two-seater. I thought it was funny, but I suppose he had to go somewhere. When the chauffeur brought up the big car, Merafield drove off in it with Overbury, and the chauffeur took the two-seater home."

"Atkins again! At every turn I seemed to come upon Atkins sending telephone messages, real or bogus, and driving cars on missions which nobody could explain."

"So that was that," said Bannister. "I feel sorry about poor old Merafield. Not exactly my style, you know. Franks, I always thought he was asking for trouble with his wife. But he was a sportsman, and he played a jolly good iron shot. Why the devil couldn't the fellow have run off with the woman without shooting him?"

As my imaginary opponent in the round of golf I never intended to play had not by this time arrived, I wished Bannister goodbye, and left him pondering the insoluble question he had posed.

(To be Continued.)

LOCAL BOXING.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Boxing Association was held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., last evening. Mr. J. Scott Harston presiding.

The Chairman said: "Turning to the accounts, you will observe that the balance of income over expenditure is \$2,780.40, which compares very favourably with last year's balance of \$1,780.80. The increase is chiefly due to the extra tournaments that were held last year."

"Subscriptions are less than last year, but this is largely owing to members having permanently or temporarily left the Colony. For permanent absentees will probably be balanced by a corresponding number of new members. There are also some subscriptions in arrears, but since the accounts were made up further subscriptions have been collected."

I would like to call members' attention to the request of the committee, should send in their subscriptions as soon as possible, and without waiting for reminders. Last season, Stoker Norman Morris (H.M.S. Hermes) won the Welterweight Championship twice in succession—on the first occasion by defeating A. B. Dixon (H.M.S. Froisher) and on the second by defeating A. B. Bennett (H.M.S. Witherington). Stoker Norman Morris also won the Middleweight Championship when he defeated A. B. Ewin (H.M.S. Hermes).

Death of Stoker Morris.

It is a matter of very great regret to our Association to learn that Stoker Morris died recently on his way home to England. As his performances in the ring last season showed, he was a very fine boxer, and his death will be a distinct void in boxing circles. On behalf of the Committee and members of this Association, I would tender to his relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

The featherweight championship last season was won by A. B. Hindle (H.M.S. Delhi) who defeated A. B. Halligan (H.M.S. Froisher) on points.

We also had the pleasure of witnessing a boxing match between Mr. Edward Eagan (the Olympic Games Heavyweight Champion) and Stoker Addison (H.M.S. Hermes). I think you will agree with me that the Association had a very successful boxing season last year, and its special thanks are due to the Services for the whole-hearted manner in which they supported us during that season.

Your Chairman last year made an appeal to those who are interested in the objects of the Association, namely, to promote and encourage the exercise of boxing, and who are not members, to join the Association, as it is both helpful and encouraging to those who are carrying on the activities of the Association. I would repeat this appeal, as owing to several members having left the Colony it is very necessary that we should augment our Membership.

The Services.

In the course of last year, the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers arrived here as the garrison battalion. This regiment has already given the Association its cordial support, and the men of the regiment have taken place under the auspices of the Association. We hope to have further entries from them this year.

Lieut.-Col. L. J. C. Colwyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., who commands the Battalion has been one of the most active members of the General Committee, and is always ready to help the cause of boxing in this Colony.

During the summer your Association took up with the Army Boxing Association the question of the status of the Association's tournaments with regard to service men boxing at such tournaments, and as a result, the Army Boxing Association have written to your Association "thanking them for the support they have given to Service tournaments and stating that the tournaments held by the Association will be recognized as meetings held under Imperial Service Association Rules. His Excellency the General Officer Commanding was in a large extent responsible for such recognition, and our grateful thanks are due to him therefore, as thereby the Association will be enabled to considerably enlarge its programmes by permitting Service professionals and Service Amateurs to meet at the Association's Tournaments.

About the end of the Season last year the various units sent to reinforce the forces in China arrived in Hong Kong, and for their benefit an extra tournament was run by your Association in May. Since that time a number of men in these units have been training, and there is every promise that during the coming season "the noble Art" will be more flourishing than ever.

The opening tournament of the third season was originally fixed for November 5 next, but owing to the fact that one of the contestants, in the main event is leaving the Colony on the 30th instant, and in the Service other possible movements in the Service, it has been arranged to bring the tournament forward to Saturday, the 25th instant.

The main event at that tournament will be a contest between Stoker Percy Luke (H.M.S. Durban) and Private Nixon (23rd Mechanical Transport Company) of the Light weight Championship of the Colony. Before closing I desire to mention and thank Mr. Brook our manager, for the very good work he has done for the Association—the value of which I am sure is as much appreciated by the Members as it is by your Committee.

RUNNING FIGHT.

ROBBER AND POLICEMAN KILLED IN STRUGGLE.

A Sikh policeman was shot dead by armed robbers last Friday evening in the Sinza district. In the course of the struggle which brought about this tragedy Chinese constables wounded one armed robber and killed another. During the chase a pedestrian was killed and another was wounded.

The courage and valour of the police party throughout the affair are a tribute to the rank and file of the entire force.

The affair began about 6 p.m. in the French Concession. A gang of armed robbers simultaneously entered two adjacent shops in Rue Ratard, three in each party. They successfully completed their respective raids and one party made off into the Settlement.

Shop Assistant in Chase.

A shop assistant from the victimized wine-shop—the other was a rice shop—followed the first gang. As they entered the Settlement he informed a Chinese constable on point duty at Chungking Road, where they had passed over Manila Road.

The constable hailed them, whereupon they fired twice. He immediately gave chase, firing as he ran. His whistling and shots brought aid from five additional C.P.C.'s and a Sikh constable. The policemen followed them to Weihaiwei Road, and at the intersection, with Chungking Road, a police bullet killed one of the gang.

Exciting Chase.

The remainder followed the other two west along Weihaiwei Road along the other section of Chungking Road. Here they partially overtook one robber, and on closer range the party's shooting became more accurate and the hand-to-hand fight to the ground, with three bullets in the abdomen.

The chase after the remaining robber continued along Mandalay Road, Taku Road, and South Chengtu Road. The deceased Sikh constable, who was on duty here, joined in the chase. He fired four shots of the five in his carbine but the robber put up a running fight with him. About 50 yards north of Weihaiwei Road, towards which the robber ran, he turned and with one shot, struck the Sikh in the forehead. He died instantly.

Unfortunately, during the chase a Chinese assistant in a cigarette shop, sitting on the kerb in Mandalay Road, was struck by it, it is believed, one of the robber's bullets. A child, however, that he was holding in his arms, was not wounded. A pedestrian was shot in the leg, near the intersection of Chungking Road with Taku Road.

SOVIET MINISTERS:

AN EXCHANGE OF POSTS.

Moscow, Oct. 27.
Madame Kollontay, Soviet Minister to Mexico, and M. Yakar, Soviet Minister to Norway, have exchanged posts.—Reuter.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Officials for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. R. Dyer, Vice-chairman, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Officer Referee, Mr. A. Murdoch, Manager, Mr. J. Brook, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. T. G. Bennett, Hon. Auditor, Mr. John Fleming, General Committee, Messrs. C. Bond, S. J. Clarke, W. Logan, H. G. Sheldon and W. Ward.

The Annual Report.

The report of the Association for the year ending June 30, states—The tournament accounts show a profit of \$2,718.35 and the general account a profit of \$1,611 and the amount now standing to the credit of the Association in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer is \$3,747.83.

During the Season, Stoker Norman Morris, H.M.S. Hermes, won the Welterweight Belt outright by defeating A. B. Dixon, H.M.S. Froisher, and A. B. Bennett, H.M.S. Witherington in the contest for that Belt. He also won the Middleweight Championship by defeating A. B. Ewin, H.M.S. Hermes, who had previously obtained the title by defeating Stoker Taff Howard, H.M.S. Herald.

The Featherweight Championship was won by A. B. Hindle, H.M.S. Delhi, who defeated A. B. Halligan, H.M.S. Froisher, on points. Mention should be made of two other main events which took place during the Season. C. P. O. Cartledge, just before leaving for Home, met Stoker Morris, H.M.S. Hermes, in a catchweight contest and after one of the best events of the season, won on points. The other was a box-off match between Mr. Edward Eagan, the Olympic Games Champion, and Stoker Addison, H.M.S. Hermes.

All the above bouts resulted in close contests between well-matched men and fully maintained the reputation of the Colony for its boxing displays.

The General Committee particularly requests that members will send in their subscriptions without delay, as they have observed that a number of subscriptions are still unpaid, and the collection of the same involves unnecessary correspondence and trouble.

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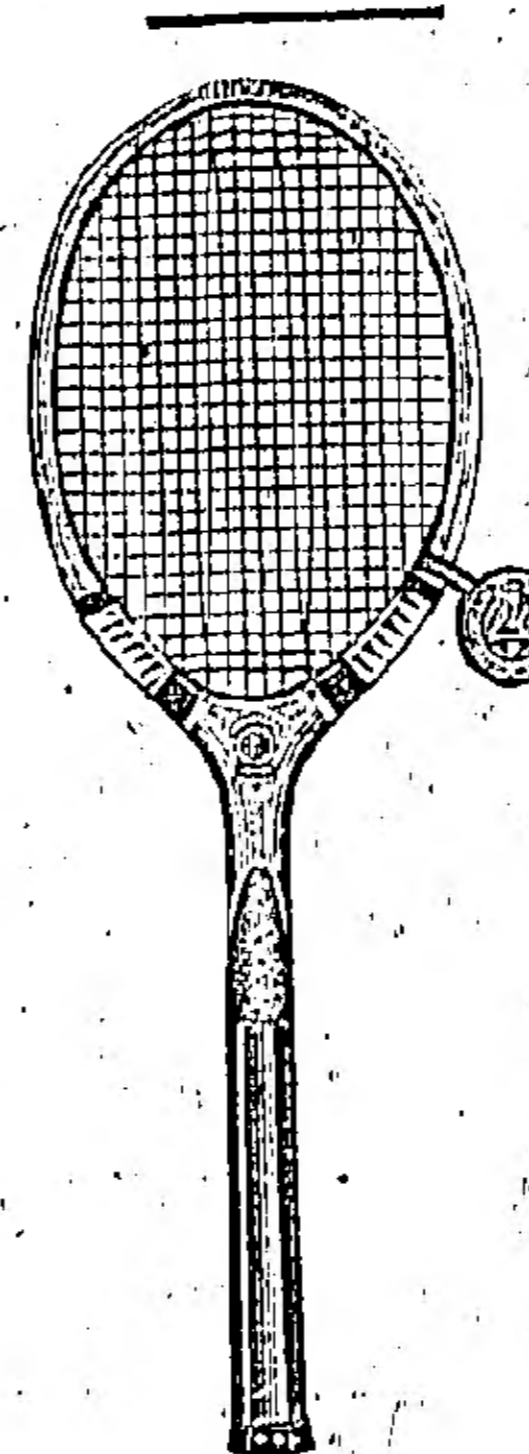
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 300. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant.

Hongkong, October, 28, 1927.

1. Corps Drill Parade.—A Corps Drill Parade for the benefit of those trained men wishing to pass drill tests Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive for the training year 1927-1928 will take place on Friday, 28th October, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order, uniform.

2. Armistice Day Parade.—The Scottish Company have been selected to represent the Corps at the celebrations at the Cenotaph on Friday, 11th November, 1927. Full instructions will be issued direct to O.C. Scottish Company.

3. Musketry.—The Infantry Company will fire Part II at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 30th October, 1927. All those who have not fired Part II must attend on that date. Range Officer: Lieut. A.H. Penn.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 28th October, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 29th October, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4. Artillery Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 28th November, at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill, Laying and Direction.

Signal Section as per programme.

5. Engineer Company.

Signal Section. There will be a lecture on Signal Procedure at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 31st October, at Corps Headquarters.

Thursday, 2nd November. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st November. Dress: Multi.

7. Armoured Car Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 28th October. Dress: Uniform with hosetops and helmets, belt, rifle and sidearms. Rifles must be drawn before the parade and cleaned ready for inspection at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 31st October, 1927. Armoured Car Crew A and B Subsections parade at 5.15 p.m. at Corps Headquarters and proceed to Kennedy Road Range for firing Machine Guns.

Motor Cyclists parade under 2/Lieut. Hancock at 5.30 p.m. for special Machine Gun Class.

A Field Day will be held on Sunday, 13th November. All members of the Company are asked to keep this date open.

8. M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Musketry Part II will be fired on Sunday, 6th November at Stonecutters Range. Range Officer: Lieut. J. Norris-Owen.

This is the last opportunity for members of the above Companies who have not fired Part II to attend.

9. Infantry Company.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 3.

Friday, 28th October at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of training in Vickers Gun.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 1st November at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi, rifles and bayonet will not be required.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st November. Dress: Multi, rifle, bayonet and belt.

10. No. 4 Platoon.

There will be a lecture on Signal Procedure at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 31st October in the Lecture Room. Thursday, 2nd November. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

11. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 3rd November at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons for Vickers Gun Instruction at Platoon Headquarters. Full strength parade from now on are essential to complete programme of work prior to camp.

12. Portuguese Company.

Trained Men who have not passed Drill Tests 1-4 parade with Corps Parade on Friday, 28th October.

All other men parade with Company at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 28th October for Lewis Gun Instruction and Drill. Dress: Multi, belt and bayonet frog.

13. Promotion.

No. 385 L/Cpl. D. Lyon, No. 7 Platoon is promoted to Corporal, as from 19. 10. 27.

14. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff, A. C. Company from 15. 11. 27 to 14. 11. 28.

No. 866 Cpl. Ho Leung, A. C. Company from 25. 10. 27 to 21. 11. 27.

No. 867 Pte. Ho Ki, A. C. Company from 25. 10. 27 to 24. 11. 27.

No. 1204 Pte. D. Bautista, No. 4 Platoon from 5. 11. 27 to 4. 5. 28.

No. 792 L/Serjt. E. J. J. Spradbery, A. C. Company rejoined from leave on 24. 10. 27.

No. 367 Spr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipper, Engineer Company rejoined from leave on 23. 10. 27.

15. Struck off the Strength.

The following having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 1. 10. 27.

No. 640 Gunner D. B. Bone, Artillery Company on Medical Grounds, as from 19. 10. 27.

No. 1224 Drummer B. M. Vieira, Portuguese Band.

R. A. Wolf-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

Notice.

1. Sports Meeting.—There will be a Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Sports Committee on Friday, 28th October at 6.30 p.m. and also on Tuesday, 1st November, 1927 at 6.00 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters.

2. Scottish Company.—Company Sports for "Kee Cheong" Cup will be held on Saturday, 29th October at the ground of the Kowloon British School, King's Park, Kowloon, commencing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

Halloween Dinner and Concert.—Uniform or multi is optional, but it is hoped that all members of the Company attending will do so in uniform. Dress: Tunic, belt, gascary, kit, sporrans, deers hose, flashes and spats.

Reel Club.—Seventh practice will take place at Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1927.

THE CHINA COAST.

LATEST CHANGES IN SHIP'S PERSONNEL.

Mr. A. D. Armour, from reserve, has gone supply chief engineer, Liangchow.

Mr. P. Todd, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Kueichow. Mr. H. R. Norington, acting second engineer, Kueichow, has resigned.

Mr. A. C. Morice, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Kueichow.

Mr. J. Scarr, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, Anhui.

Mr. D. H. Davidson, third engineer, Changchow, has gone third engineer, Kueichow.

Mr. H. George, chief engineer, Anhui, has gone chief engineer, Tungting. Mr. R. Geater, acting chief engineer, Tungting, has gone chief engineer, Luchow.

Mr. R. Barclay, acting second engineer, Anhui, has gone chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. Jamieson has been appointed third engineer, Changchow.

Mr. J. E. Haig, chief engineer, Luchow, has gone chief engineer, Huichow. Mr. A. McVean, chief engineer, Huichow, has gone supply chief engineer, Anking.

Mr. I. Robertson, chief engineer, Ichang, has gone chief engineer, Chinnua. Mr. I. Callender, chief engineer, Chinnua, has gone chief engineer, Ichang.

Mr. J. W. Kennedy, chief engineer, Szechuen, has resigned.

Mr. J. F. Wylie, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Chienang. Mr. D. McD. Buchanan, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Chienang. Mr. S. Dumbreck, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Chienang.

Mr. E. Dunn, third engineer, Wangpu, has gone third engineer, Kwangse.

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, third engineer, Chungking, is on reserve.

Mr. J. R. Fayers, third engineer, Suifuang, has gone acting second engineer, Ichang.

Mr. W. H. Scurr, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Chusan.

Mr. J. Ryles, second engineer, Ichang, has gone second engineer, Szechow.

Mr. J. R. Rooney, third engineer, Chusan, has gone third engineer, Ichang.

Mr. W. S. Smith, third engineer, Linan, is on reserve. Mr. A. J. Courtney, third engineer, Tungchow, has gone third engineer, Linan.

Mr. B. G. Edwards, third engineer, Hsin Peking, is on reserve.

Mr. W. T. Bould, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Kwongsang.

Mr. J. M. Macleod, second engineer, Kwongsang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Hackett, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Kutwo.

Mr. W. W. Colquhoun, second engineer, Kutwo, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Findlater, from reserve, has gone supply chief engineer, Kwangse.

Mr. F. A. Maxwell has been appointed second engineer, Suifu.

Captain H. C. Dalziel has been appointed master, Ah Kwang.

Captain H. R. Edmondson has been appointed master, Tseang Tsh.

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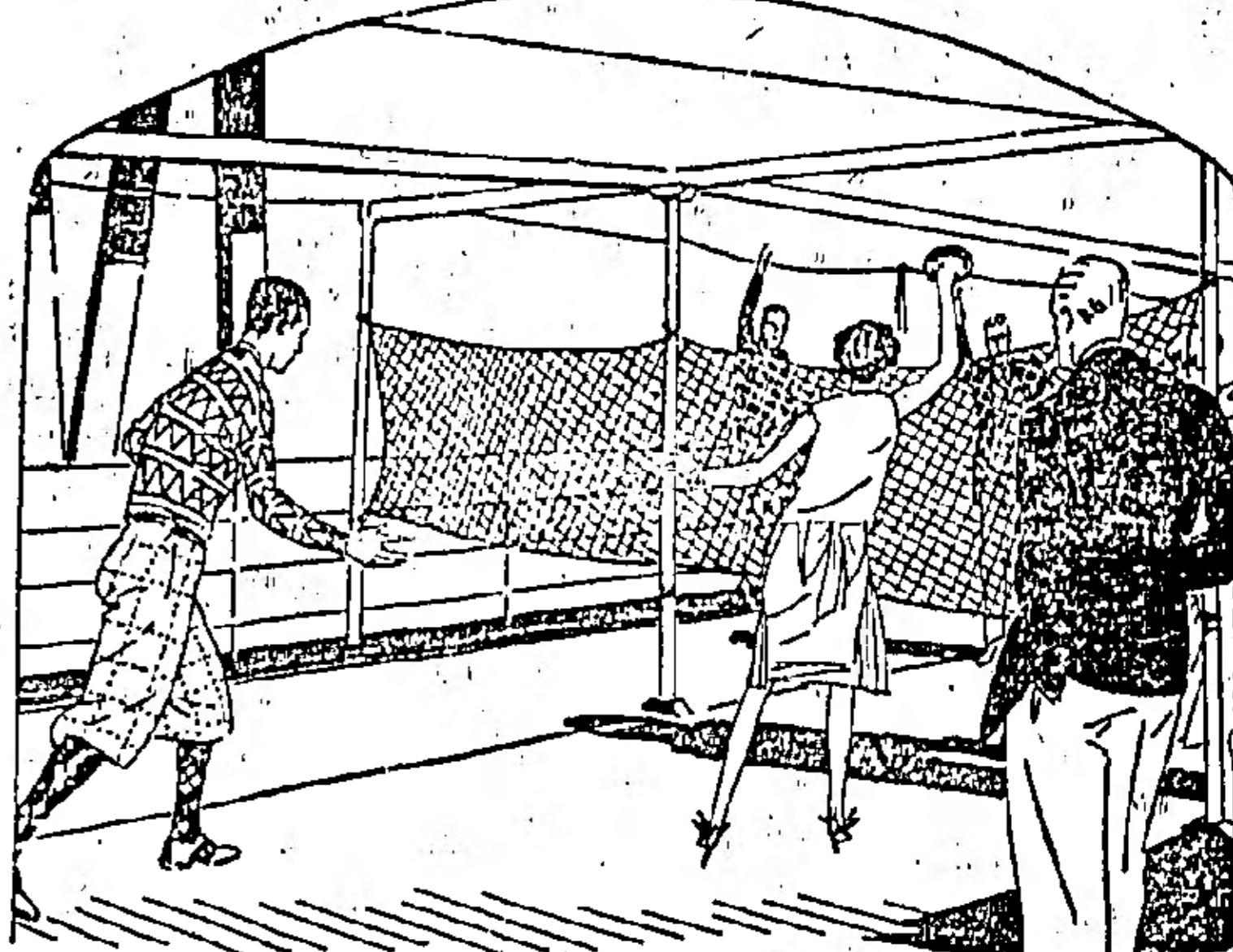
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KENWOOD ESTATES FOR THE NATION.

London, Oct. 27.
 Lord Iveagh's will will probably be admitted to probate at £11,000,000. The estate duty of £4,400,000 will be the largest single payment in recent times.

Large gifts have been made to public bodies. Lord Iveagh bequeaths Kenwood estates of 74 acres to the nation from 1935, and gives a large number of pictures, valued at £300,000 from his gallery, which is the finest private collection in the world, to be placed in the mansion on the estate, which will be converted into a public art gallery.—*Reuter.*

Handsome Gifts.

The will of the late Earl of Iveagh will probably be admitted to probate in a sum of not less than £11,000,000 and estate duty to the amount of £4,400,000 will be paid in the course of the next few days.

The duties on the estates of other millionaires which have come into the Treasury receipts for the current year include £2,000,000 offered to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by Lady Houston in respect of the estate of her late husband, who died in the Channel Islands; the sum of £1,600,000 in respect of the estate of late Lord Cowdray; £640,000 from the estate of Mrs. Douglas Hamilton and £313,000 from that of Lord Lansdowne.

Large gifts are made to public bodies under Lord Iveagh's will and including £60,000 to the King Edward the Seventh Hospital fund for London. The income from £65,000 to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin for such time as the cathedral shall be used for the Protestant Church of Ireland. The income from £125,000 to be devoted to augmentation of the livings of poorer clergy of the Protestant Church in Ireland. Regarding the mansion and seventy-four acres of meadow and woodland known as Kenwood, purchased by Lord Iveagh to be reserved to the public as an extension of Hampstead Heath, the will expresses the wish that the mansion be converted at the expense of the estate into a public art gallery to be open to the public. To found this gallery Lord Iveagh bequeaths from his large private collection, said to be one of the finest in the world, a number of pictures valued at about £300,000. Lord Iveagh personally collected pictures which will include fourteen by Reynolds, ten by Romney, several by Gainsborough, and others by Lawrence, Turner, Crome, Hopper, Morland, Rubens, Vandyck, Rembrandt, and Vermeer.—*British Wireless.*

SHANGHAI PLANES.

REMOVED FROM RACECOURSE TO H.M.S. ARGUS.

The British aeroplanes were taken from their hangars on the Race Course during Friday night, towed along Nanking Road to the Ewo foreshore. They were then transported to H.M.S. Argus.

The first machine crossed a temporary iron bridge, laid across the ditch along Bubbling Well Road, at 12.35 a.m. Ten men towed it across the road to the rear of a motor lorry, to which it was attached.

Two machines were taken at a time, and three trips were necessary. The operations were not concluded until several hours later.

Three soldiers preceded Insp. Milne's car, the latter having supervised all traffic arrangements. A party of military police assisted the Municipal police, whilst several files marched on either side of each aeroplane. During the journey all traffic was diverted to side roads, eastbound being diverted at Park Road to Burkill and Peking Roads.

It is understood that H.M.S. Argus is leaving for Hongkong early in November.

TARIFF DISPUTE.

PROVISIONAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FRANCE & U.S.

Paris, Oct. 27.

As a result of the latest exchange of Franco-American Notes on the subject of tariffs the Minister, M. Bokanowski, has announced that a definite agreement is in sight. A step forward has been taken by the establishment of a provisional regime governing commercial relations during the period of the negotiations necessary to adjust certain details whereby France concedes to the United States the same duties as were enjoyed before the signing of the Franco-German Commercial Treaty, except in the event of the minimum customs tariff conceded to Germany being higher than such duties.—*Reuter.*

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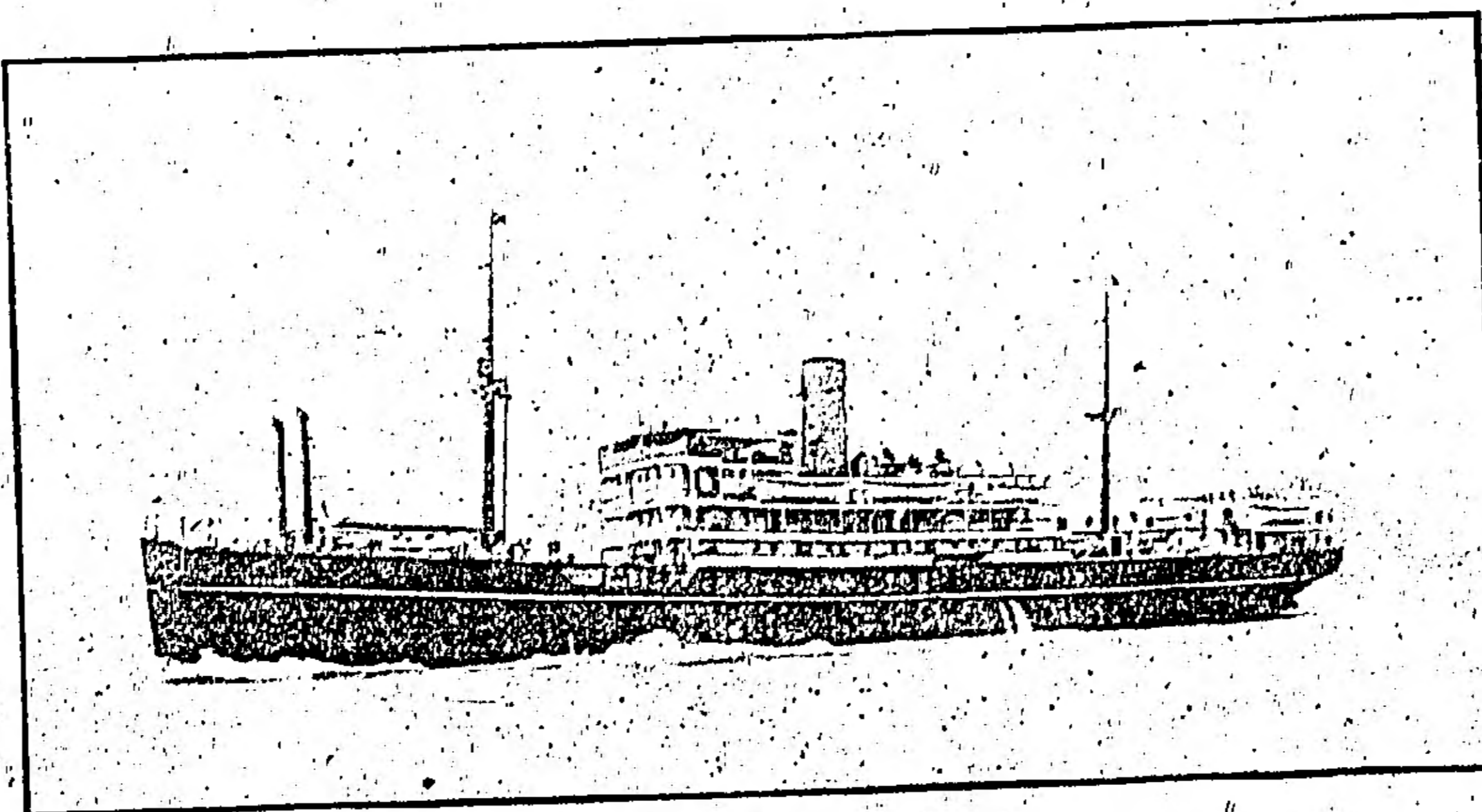
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UPPER YANGTZE.

CONDITIONS NOW WORSE THAN EVER BEFORE.

The following extracts from a letter from a foreigner at Chungking, dated September 27, are illuminating, especially in view of news received later that conditions have become much worse there. The writer states:

The conditions under which ships are running between Ichang and Chungking were never worse. The bandits are strongly entrenched about 45 miles above Ichang, and they have been holding up ships, demanding and receiving various sums from a few hundred to 16 hundred dollars per trip.

The last Yangtze Rapid ship that came up left Ichang with 30 of the bandits on board, and it is presumed that it was only because the captain left Ichang very hurriedly at their request, as they were being chased, that the ship was allowed to pass the bandit district without being forced to pay any money.

Bandit Activity.

Not infrequently bandits board the ships, either at Chungking or Ichang, and then hold up the ship. Money and valuables are taken from the passengers and the crew, and then the ship is allowed to proceed. To overcome this, one of the local officials has adopted the role of Bandit Prevention Guard, and for the sum of \$200 per vessel undertakes to see that no bandits board the vessel—while it is in port.

An "Inspection Tax."

General Yang Sen imposed a special "inspection tax" at Panton, and charged large ships \$400 inspection fees, and smaller ones \$200. For some unaccountable reason this imposition has been abolished. Yang, too, is said to be short of funds, but this is hard to understand, as his income for the six weeks ending September 15 from the special opium tax at Wansien was one and a half million dollars.

As a protest against the heavy taxation on the river above Chungking merchants are holding on to their goods, with the result that only two or three out of a total of about 20 Chungking-Suiifu boats are running. There does not seem to be a shortage of cargo for the larger steamers going down to Ichang, and freight rates are Ts. 3 per picul on downward cargo.

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COURT SENSATION.

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Police Station, and by making an affidavit on unobjectionable grounds, that same affidavit leading to the warrant of arrest being issued by his Worship.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said, that from the very beginning he had told his Worship what the man's defence was. He had many times, and that frankly stated, that while continuing in his position as an assistant at the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, he was commissioned to fill cheque blanks for this partner of the Ming Fat Hong before the latter put his signature to them, and if any attempt had been made to forge a cheque and obtain money on it, defendant assuredly would have more or less tried to imitate not only the partner's signature but also the handwriting in the body of the cheque as well. Defendant never tried to do that.

Continuing Mr. Lo said: This rich corporation, the Yokohama Specie Bank, apparently was defrauded in June and I put it to you that it is outrageous that this bank should summarily, on the word of one man who says, "I have information against him" arrest defendant, and again after going to the trouble of briefing Counsel, say that they were offering no evidence.

Mr. Lo then went on to stress the fact that he had pressed on previous occasions for the case to be proceeded with, but was put off by Mr. Jenkin, who at the last hearing, said that he had his case well in hand, but required time to make a complete presentation of it, as he did not wish to present it piecemeal. Now, he said that he had no evidence to offer, and wished to withdraw the charge, but that was only after dragging the defendant through the process of a criminal court without justifiable grounds. The prosecution had given no reason, and Mr. Lo suggested that perhaps the Yokohama Specie Bank were halted in their case by the apprehension of civil proceedings which might result from a wrongful arrest.

Mr. Jenkin leaves.

At this stage, Mr. Jenkin quietly gathered his papers and left the Court.

Noticing this, Mr. Lo said: Your Worship, I am sure of an intelligent anticipation that the prosecution is not likely to tell you anything, because I see Counsel is leaving the Court. It is absolutely an outrage on the Court that Mr. Jenkin should have left the Court at this stage. I don't understand this, and I don't think there is any precedent for it.

Mr. Lo then continued his address, criticising the police, who he understood also were taking no action; also, he said they had first committed themselves to it on what was a definite statement. The administration of justice, said Mr. Lo, had been availed of in the wrong way. Mr. Lo finally invited his Worship to say such words of sympathy as he could give to the case.

Mr. Lindsell to Sergeant Carey: Do the police now suspect anybody else in this forgery?

After a pause, Sergeant Carey replied that he could give no evidence against any other person.

Mr. Lindsell: Well then, defendant is discharged. As far as I can see the information has been based on insufficient knowledge. The prosecution withdrawing, there is no stain on the defendant now before the Court.

HAUL OF ILLICIT OPIUM.

DISCOVERIES ON THE SEANG BEE.

Per. ing. Oct. 19.
Yesterday the officers of the Government Monopolies Department discovered \$8,000 worth of illicit opium aboard the Seang Bee.

Two Chinese were arrested, and appeared before the magistrate this morning.

One was remanded in custody, the other was allowed bail of \$8,000.

A Second Discovery.
Early this morning the marine police became suspicious as to the movements of a sampan near the same ship. They awaited the sampan's arrival at Weld Quay and then searched it, discovering 1,422 tins of illicit opium, valued at \$9,000.

No arrests were made in this case.

MALAYAN COMPANY SHARES.

LATEST DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on Rubber and Mining shares:

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REVISED CEYLON SALARIES.

INCREASES FOR GOVERNOR AND COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Times of Ceylon learns that the emoluments of H.E. the Governor and the Colonial Secretary, Ceylon, will be increased as from the 1st of this month.

The Salaries Committee is forwarding a report to Government, recommending that the emolument of His Excellency, which at present is £7,000 sterling, of which £1,500 is an entertainment allowance, should be increased by £1,000 sterling, of which £500 will represent an increase in the entertainment allowance.

In regard to the Colonial Secretary's emolument, the proposal is to raise it from £2,400 sterling to £3,000 sterling per annum. It has not been definitely decided yet whether the increase in the Colonial Secretary's emolument should represent an entertainment allowance.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies suggested that the salaries of the Governor and the Colonial Secretary should be raised at the revision of salaries some years ago, but owing to the acute controversy at the time the increases only dealt with the Civil Service and other branches of the Service.

An Urgent Matter.

Sir Hugh Clifford then suggested that the matter should be taken up before the arrival of Sir Herbert Stanley, but this was not possible.

As soon as the present Salaries Committee was appointed, the Secretary of State for the Colonies asked for the matter to be treated as urgent.

It is for these reasons that the Salaries Committee has decided to submit a report to Government immediately, in connexion with the salaries of the Governor and Colonial Secretary.

It is not the intention of the Committee to submit any interim reports to Government, but it is understood that any increases suggested by the Committee in their report in the case of other officers will be ante-dated.

The Committee has been inundated with memorials from the different branches of the Service, and its deliberations will consequently be prolonged.

All branches of the Service, except the Civil Servants, have asked for increases and it is quite likely that the majority of the Government servants will have their salaries raised.

MEASURES AGAINST PIRATES.

PATROL BOATS PUT INTO COMMISSION.

News has come to hand that small patrol boats recently put into service on the coasts of Fukien and Chekiang for the suppression of piracy, have successfully destroyed two nests of these brigands, says a Shanghai report. A brief description of one of these cases has just come to hand and will no doubt provide pleasant reading for China coasters who have of late years suffered so severely at the hands of Chinese pirates.

It appears, from a radio-message, that on October 14 one of these small patrol boats whilst cruising off the coast gave chase to a suspicious looking craft and engaged her in a running fight. The pirates immediately made for the coast near which they abandoned their junk and made for the ashore. The junk was captured together with a large quantity of arms and ammunition and one notorious pirate was made prisoner.

These small patrol boats have recently been put into service by the Coastguard Administration, and we feel sure that all mariners on the coast will join us in wishing them many similar successes in their future career.

It is interesting to note that the Coastguard Service also operates the Pratas Shen Radio and Meteorological Station.

JUDGE IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

A KUALA LUMPUR MISHAP.

Kuala Lumpur, Oct. 20.
Mr. Justice Acton was injured in a motor collision near the Lake, Seremban, on Tuesday evening. He was thrown from his car and sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to hospital. It was found that his injuries were not serious, but it will be a few days before he is able to resume his duties.

Mr. Justice Farrer-Manby presided over the Seremban Assizes in place of Mr. Justice Acton.

DAY BY DAY.

The Typhoon is probably moving northward, states to-day's report of the Royal Observatory. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—"N. winds, moderate; fine."

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Sinkiang, President Jefferson, Tjikini, Tidkarang, Mongolia, Cremer, Bellerophon, Kuelchow, Keemun, Osaka, Maru, Hakozaki Maru, Panama Maru, Taikwa Maru, Sado Maru, Cheian, West Sequana, Pingal, Seangbee.

Six months' hard labour and twenty strokes was the sentence passed on a Chinese by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistrate's court, for snatching a gold-mounted rattan bangle from the wrist of a child. The snatching took place in Wanchai Market during one of its busiest hours and although the defendant managed to elude his pursuers for a good distance, in the ensuing chase he was eventually caught by a Chinese detective.

The man who was charged with stealing wood from the premises of the Kowloon Godown Company, at the junction of Canton and Peking Roads, Kowloon, and with assaulting a man who attempted to arrest him, with a hammer, was convicted by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. On the charge of theft he was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour, and on the second charge \$10 or 14 days. Detective Sub-Inspector Doring prosecuted.

MOTOR-CAR FATALITY IN SINGAPORE.

UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE OF A VISITOR.

In the Coroner's Court at Singapore last week, before Lieut.-Col. Hope-Palkner, an inquiry was commenced into the death of an unknown Chinese, who died from injuries sustained in a motor car accident the previous day.

Mr. E. Rake said that he was Chancellor of the German Consulate-General at Tientsin. At about 6.45 p.m. he was in a car going along New Bridge Road towards town. Just after the car had passed the Palace Gay Theatre the deceased suddenly darted across the road in front of the car. There was such a bump that witness came to the conclusion that the wheels of the car had passed over the body of the deceased.

When the car stopped witness got out, and went to the spot, and found the deceased lying face downwards on the road. He lifted him into the car and took him to the General Hospital where the deceased died.

The case was postponed to allow the driver to give evidence.

CARELESS WHARF COOLIES.

DANGER OF STANDING UNDER LOADED CRANES.

The danger to which wharf coolies expose themselves in standing under loads being hoisted by ship's cranes had a sad illustration on Thursday afternoon of last week, at Singapore.

The crane from which were suspended cases of milk in process of unloading from the Indrapura, alongside East Wharf, had been swung over the ship's side when something went wrong. The cases fell, some 40 feet, on to a spot where a number of Indian coolies were unconcernedly standing.

Two men were injured. One of them died on the way to hospital. For the other little hope of life is entertained.

NANKING THRUST.

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Yung, one of the Yangtze river boats which sank at Nanking with 1,200 Chinese soldiers on board following an explosion, and fire caused by the carelessness of the military. Other vessels of this company, while not having been total losses like the Kiang Yung, have nevertheless suffered greatly by being used as military transports, and, in addition, the crews have in most cases not been paid by the military nor have the latter borne the expense of running the vessels so commandeered, imposing a double loss upon the owners.

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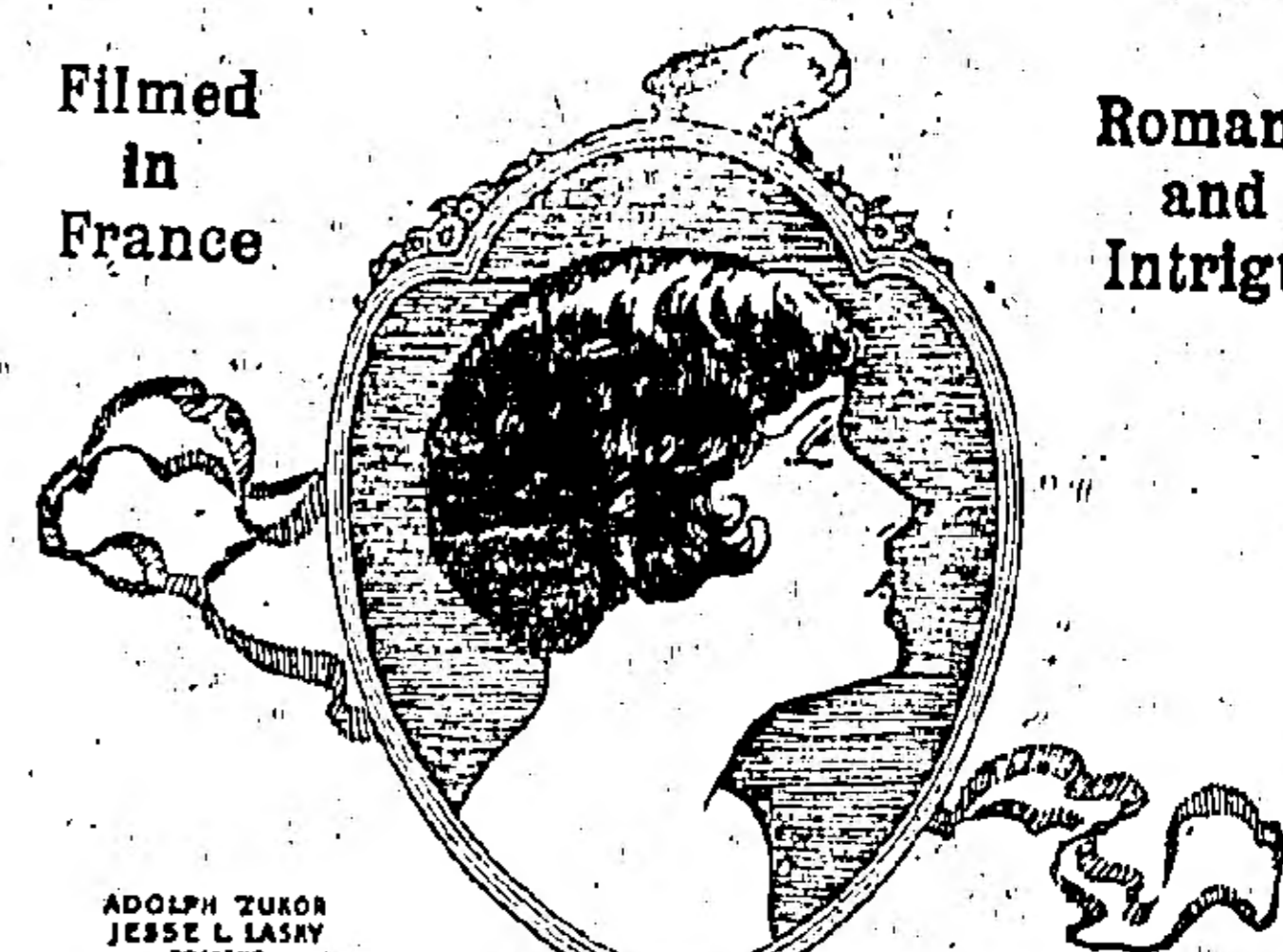
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